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Weather

Fair tonight; mostly cloudy Wednesday with chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms. Low tonight in the 40s; high tomorrow in the 70s.

Monday's high temperature	90
Monday's low temperature	51
Average high	75
Average low	45
Record high	94 in 1950
Record low	21 in 1973
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	1.58
Year to date	02.61
Normal for year	02.34

Bills to contain donation request

The city of Big Spring will begin this week mailing water bills with a request for donations to fund special projects.

The program, developed by city Finance Director Tom Ferguson, offers residents the opportunity to contribute to projects by rounding out their water bill payments to the nearest dollar or adding a donation to the payment. The first project to be supported by the program is renovation at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Ferguson said he hopes the expected water rate hike will not negatively impact the program.

Support group continues to meet

The local support group for the relatives of Operation Desert Storm troops will continue to meet until all members have their relatives home.

"Apparently a lot of people don't know we're still meeting. We just want to let them know that we'll be here until the last of our guys is home," said coordinator Dan Wise.

The group meets at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Tax extensions available

An automatic four-month extension is available from the Internal Revenue Service for wage earners unable to make the April 15 deadline to pay federal income taxes.

An application for an extension, form No. 4868, is available at 200 West Wall in Midland, or the form can be photocopied at the Howard County Library.

The extension applies only to filing the return; it is not an extension of time to pay taxes due. Applicants must estimate taxes owed and send it to the IRS by the deadline to avoid interest and penalties.

For more information call: 1-800-829-3676.

Restaurant giving free seedlings

The American Forestry Association's Global ReLeaf Program, in association with McDonald's restaurants, will be providing 10 million free tree seedlings.

The seedlings will be available upon request at the McDonald's restaurant at Interstate 20 and U.S. 87 in Big Spring this weekend.

The program, called Let's Get Growing America, also includes sending educational materials to more than 60,000 elementary schools across the country.

"Learning about the environment is the first step toward action," said Global ReLeaf coordinator Debrah Gangloff.

Labor says Bush concealing facts about job losses

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush stepped up his campaign for lowering trade barriers with Mexico on Monday by calling critics such as AFL-CIO leaders "fear mongers" who practice "defeatism."

Labor is strongly opposed to extending the president's so-called fast track authority for a trade agreement with Mexico because, they say, it would give U.S. corporations incentives to simply move across the border to take advantage of cheap labor and lax environmental and safety laws.

Bush's fiery attack on the AFL-CIO for opposing a free trade pact with Mexico is just a gambit to conceal the real issue of how many American jobs would go across the Rio Grande, labor leaders contend.

"He's engaging in a lot of rhetoric without looking at the real issue, which is, 'Are the wage disparities going to result in huge job losses and devastate lots of communities?' Obviously, we think it is," said Alan Reuther, a lobbyist for the United Auto Workers.

Several U.S. companies already have moved to Mexico, scrapping \$8- and \$10-an-hour jobs in American cities so they can pay Mexican workers less than \$1 an hour, union leaders contend.

They add that the deal wouldn't boost exports, as Bush has pledged, because most Mexicans are too poor to buy American goods.

Bush's attack on labor leaders, which came a day after he vowed to go "head-on-head" with the AFL-CIO over the issue, also pro-

bably was an attempt to tap anti-union sentiment and therefore muster favor for the treaty, union officials said.

"It's 'everybody should be for it because labor's against it,'" said Herman Starobin, research director for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

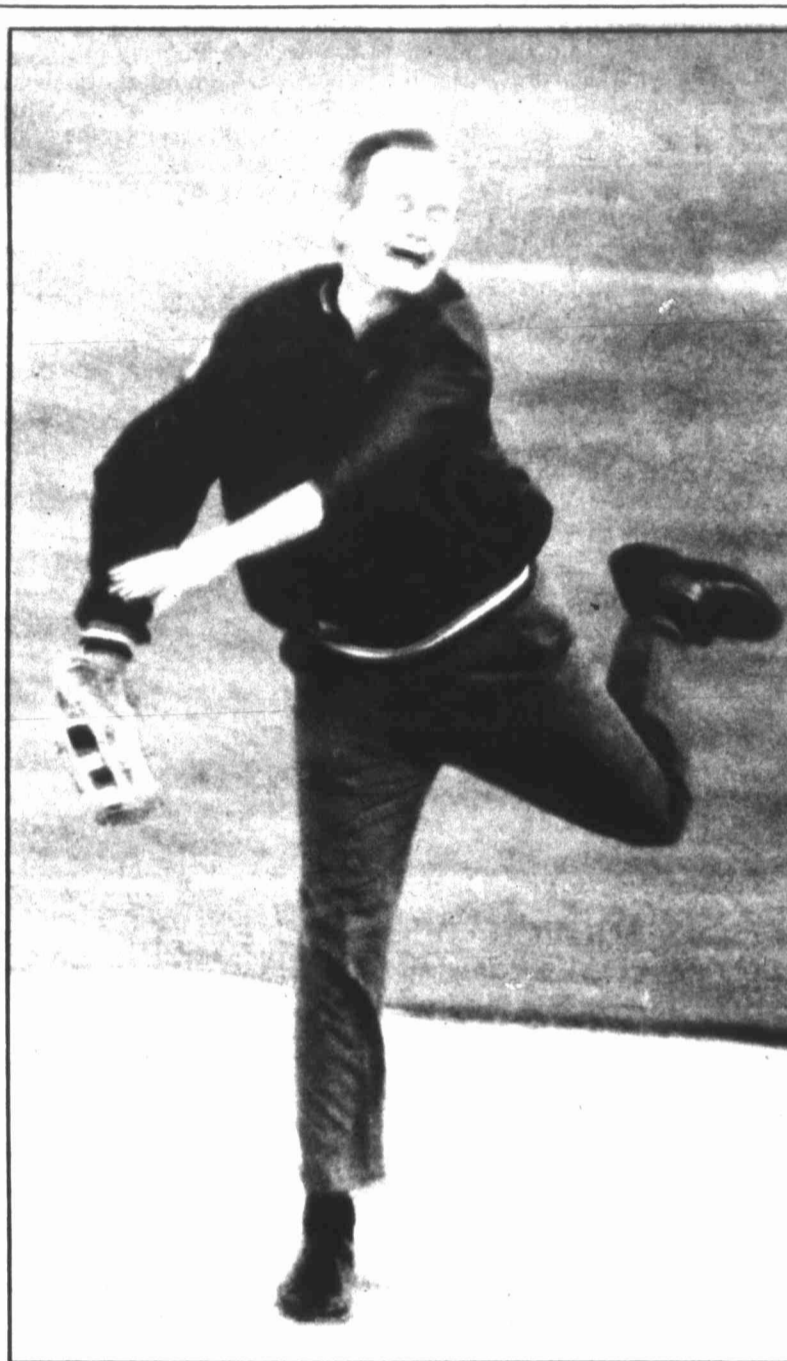
At AFL-CIO headquarters, Rex Hardesty, a spokesman for the 14.2 million-member labor federation, declined to respond directly to the president's latest comments, saying only that the organization's position remained the same.

"The campaign is addressed only at Capitol Hill, where we tell them what our members tell us, which is 'Don't send my job to Mexico,'" Hardesty said.

Bush is seeking congressional authority to negotiate a trade pact with Mexico similar to the free trade arrangement with Canada. Under the fast track treatment, Congress would not amend whatever agreement is negotiated, instead simply voting yes or no.

In taking on the AFL-CIO, Bush said the wages in Mexico, now one-tenth the going rate in the United States, will rise. He complained that critics of the free trade pact "oppose prosperity in Mexico."

But labor officials argue that free trade will exploit Mexican workers without raising their standard of living. They say the United States already has lost more than 500,000 to the "maquiladoras," or south-of-the-border plants, where workers' pay ranges from 60 cents to 80 cents an hour.



Bush throws first pitch
ARLINGTON — President George Bush throws out the first pitch at the Texas Rangers' opening night in Arlington, Texas. The Milwaukee Brewers are playing.

Council agrees on water rate hike

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

As a result of a Monday night work session, the Big Spring City Council is expected to consider an ordinance tonight calling for water rates of \$11 per connection and \$1.75 per thousand gallons of usage.

The ordinance would raise rates by \$2 per connection and 12 cents per thousand gallons.

A water rate increase is necessary, city officials have said, because the Colorado River Municipal Water District has increased charges to the city on Jan. 1, 1991. CRMWD has added \$117,000 to the city's water cost over the nine-month period from January through September.

Four council members present at the session supported the proposed ordinance — Gail Earls, Tim Blackshear, Sidney Clark and Mayor Max Green. Pat Deanda was absent; Corky Harris supported an alternate plan.

A stipulation in the proposed ordinance will designate it as temporary — extending through the September 1991 billing period. At that time, if no new ordinance has been agreed upon, the charges would revert to current levels of \$9 per connection and \$1.63 per thousand gallons.

If the ordinance is approved tonight, it must receive second-reading approval April 22 before taking effect May 1.

City Finance Director Tom Ferguson said the proposed ordinance is on page 6-A.



Setting up
The Carson and Barnes Circus rolled into town this morning, and despite the chilly morning weather, circus employees worked to set-up the big top just east of the SWCID campus. An employee who identified himself as Francisco carries the tent rope to large stakes which will anchor the tent for the 4:30 and 8 p.m. shows today.

Man electrocuted in well repair accident

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Jose Cerda, 34, who grew up in Ackerly, died over the weekend from an accidental electrocution in Coahoma, authorities said.

He was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace China Long Sunday evening. She ruled the death accidental.

Cerda will be buried Wednesday in Mount Olive Memorial Park following chapel services at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Big Spring.

According to a Howard County Sheriff Department report, Cerda was helping a friend, Tommy Cruz, remove pipe and a pump from a water well located in the rear of Cruz's residence at 104 Ash when the accident happened.

Cerda was pulling pipe measuring 27 feet out of the ground and lost control of it. "In part to some gusts of wind," Sheriff Deputy Woodie Howell said in the report.

The pipe came into contact with a high voltage TU Electric power line that carried 7,200 volts of electricity and ran along poles placed beside the alley that was behind the residence. The estimated height of the power line was 21 feet.

"Cruz was still standing on top of the well house and attempted to pull the pipe away from the power lines," the report said. "After being unable to do this, Mr. Cruz jumped to the ground and used a board of wood to knock the pipe away."

Following the accident, TU Electric workers cut off the electricity to residents on Ash Street for a short period of time, according to the report. After the water well pipe had been taken down, no damage was found in the power line or other objects and power was restored, the report said.

Cerda, who worked at the Texaco Vincent plant, graduated from Sand Springs High School in 1976 and had lived in Big Spring since then.

Kurds claim Iraqis gunships fire on fleeing refugees

IN NORTHERN IRAQ (AP) — Rebels say Saddam Hussein's forces have massacred an entire village and are strafing refugees from helicopter gunships in a terror campaign aimed at driving Iraq's rebellious Kurds from the country.

Hundreds of thousands of Kurds fleeing the advance of Iraqi troops have clogged mountain passes leading to the Turkish and Iranian borders.

Kurdish rebel leader Masoud Barzani charged Monday that Iraqi troops murdered all of the 2,000 to 3,000 people who had populated Kara Henjir, a village near the key northern oil center city of Kirkuk.

"We still don't know the exact number," said Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party. "This was a deliberate move to terrorize the rest of the people into fleeing the country."

He said there were reports of other, similar atrocities by Iraqi troops but that rebel leaders could not confirm them.

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Guerrilla leader Sami Abdul Rachman

Tehran radio quoted an Iraqi refugee as saying in one case Iraqi helicopters fired at refugees along Iran's border as an American aircraft flew nearby.

"They (the U.S. crew) showed no reaction whatsoever," Mohammed Saleh Marouf, an engineer from Erbil, was quoted as saying.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party, in a communique from London, said Iraqi troops were constantly firing on fleeing Kurds. It said dozens had been killed on the road into Iran, just east of Rawandiz, Iraq.

None of the rebel claims could be independently verified by foreign reporters in northern Iraq.

As Barzani spoke to reporters in the mountains 30 miles northeast of Erbil, thousands in the region were abandoning their homes to trek toward Iran.

Hundreds of thousands already have fled into Turkey and Iran and hundreds of thousands more are still winding their way through the frigid mountains in hope of finding safety across the border.

Foreign governments and aid groups are running a huge relief operation to save the refugees.

French and British planes joined U.S. aircraft Monday in dropping supplies along the borders, and Iraq protested the violation of its territorial sovereignty.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the government sent a letter to the United Nations that said the aid could have been distributed through Iraqi channels.

It quoted the letter as saying that after destroying Iraq's infrastructure with bombs in the Persian Gulf War, U.S.-led forces were now "dropping crumbs of food and blankets in a pretentious operation that has no humanitarian aspects whatsoever."

Sami Abdul Rachman, leader of the Popular Democratic Front, one of the other main guerrilla groups, blamed the United States for failing to stop Iraqi attacks on the Kurds.

"After the people responded to the call by President Bush to rise and overthrow Saddam, the United States has an implicit responsibility for what is happening now. But unfortunately, they are not doing anything to help us in a solution or to stop the oppression of the people," he said.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III on Monday visited Kurdish refugees camped at the Turkish border near Cukurca. He said he came to witness "cruelly and human anguish that defy description."

Many of the Kurds who spoke with reporters in Cukurca asked why Bush had ended the war before Saddam was finished and why the American leader had not helped the Kurds destroy the Iraqi dictator.

Barzani said Kurdish rebels were now concerned about getting their families safely to Turkey or Iran. But he said the guerrillas, known as the Pesh Merga, will return to battle Saddam.

Sidelines

Former thrift owner sentenced

HOUSTON (AP) — The former owner of a thrift institution has been sentenced to 12 years in prison, the toughest sentence a Houston judge has given a defendant so far in a thrift failure case.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt Monday gave the sentence to Roy Wayne Dailey, former owner of First Savings Association of East Texas. He also ordered Dailey to pay more than \$5.5 million in restitution for losses sustained on two loans that led to the six counts against him.

A jury convicted Dailey, 47, in December on two counts of misappropriation of funds, three counts of bank fraud and one count of bank bribery.

Dailey attempted for 10 minutes to explain the loan transactions that landed him in trouble.

"It defies common sense to make a loan of \$4.1 million to a man who has no wherewithal to pay it back," Hoyt said.

"Somewhere along the way the buck has to stop with someone."

Bush a bust in mound debut

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — President Bush learned a lesson Monday night. At 66, his curveball is gone.

Bush tried to show off his arm when he took the mound in Arlington Stadium to throw out the ceremonial first ball at the Texas Rangers' opener. His son George W. co-owns the team.

As a sellout crowd cheered, Bush turned his hand over to signify to Rangers catcher Geno Petralli that a breaking ball was coming.

Then the southpaw president wound up and bounced the ball in the dirt at the catcher's feet. He threw his hands down in disgust and tore off the field after a hasty apology to his batter mate.

Bush and his wife Barbara left the Rangers' game against the Milwaukee Brewers in the fifth inning to return to Washington.

Aboard Air Force One en route back to Washington, Bush sped back to the media's rear cabin to offer excuses for his sorry performance.

Richards: Keep looking for site

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards has told the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority to keep looking for better place to build a nuclear dump site.

Richards reiterated the order she originally made last month in a meeting with Rick Jacobi, the authority's general manager. Milton Guiberteau, authority board chairman, and state Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, also were in Monday's meeting. Brooks is chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

"She told them they need to pursue other sites in Hudspeth County and not the Fort Hancock site," said Chuck McDonald, the governor's press secretary.

The authority has chosen an area near Fort Hancock to build a low-level nuclear dump site to meet a federal mandate ordering states to store their own waste or enter an agreement, or compact, with other states to build a common dump in a host state.

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Lewis wants reform plan on 'fast track'

AUSTIN (AP) — Speaker Gib Lewis said he wants the latest school finance reform plan on the "fast track" so the House can vote by Wednesday.

Lawmakers face a Monday court hearing at which a state judge may receive an alternative plan drawn up by a court-appointed master.

The latest legislative compromise, which must be ratified by a House-Senate conference committee, would allow school districts to keep some additional local property tax revenue. Like previous plans, it also would shift some local revenue from wealthier to poorer school districts.

Senate leaders said they might hold out for additional provisions to improve education quality, but a House negotiator said such a

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change might doom the latest plan.

The Texas State Teachers Association was pushing the Senate's "quality measures," with members phoning lawmakers to urge support for a proposed state health insurance plan for public school employees.

Health insurance headed the list of improvements being sought by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Senate Education Committee Chairman Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur. Another would lengthen the school

year by eliminating five days set aside for teacher training.

Ollie Besteiro, president of the 95,000-member TSTA, said lawmakers should receive hundreds of calls from teachers. The group has been seeking a state-paid health insurance plan comparable to that provided other state employees.

But Rep. Bruce Gibson, D-Cleburne, said the health insurance provision belongs in a separate bill. "The votes that that issue will cost

us could doom the bill's passage in the House," he said.

Besides health insurance, Parker and Bullock have cited a need to pay for such items as pre-kindergarten for 3-year-olds; tuition assistance grants, and year-round school incentives.

The extra cost of all the quality programs is estimated at \$300 million to \$500 million over the next two years.

"Loading the bill up when we have a Monday deadline that could

close the schools is irresponsible," said Gibson, who Monday replaced Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, as one of the five House negotiators.

Gibson said it not for the quality issues, lawmakers would be in agreement on school finance. He estimated the proposed compromise's cost to the state at about \$1 billion over the next two years.

The Texas Supreme Court twice has declared the school finance system unconstitutional.

The Legislature missed the Supreme Court's April 1 deadline for devising a reform plan, triggering an order to shut off state funds to schools. The order's impact was delayed because state checks weren't due to be mailed until April 25.



Associated Press photo

TASK march

COLLEGE STATION — Southern Christian Leadership Conference member Jack Hill, left, leads the Texans Against State Killing march here Monday. The group held a rally on the

Texas A&M University campus with an official of Amnesty International as the featured speaker.

Memorial held for John Tower

DALLAS (AP) — President Bush and a congressional delegation were among thousands of mourners who attended a memorial service for former U.S. Sen. John Tower and his daughter Marian, two of 23 victims of last week's commuter plane crash in Georgia.

Tower, 65, was remembered as a "Texan at heart" and a patriot during the hour-long service at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

"I considered him a great patriot and he gave the country outstanding service," Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina said after the service. "He was a very fine chairman of the armed services committee. He would have been a great secretary of defense if he had been confirmed."

"He was sensitive. He was thoughtful," said David Switzer, a professor at the Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology and a college roommate of Tower's at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

"I loved him," Switzer said, his voice cracking with emotion.

Two women embraced as a soloist sang "Amazing Grace," and others standing along the walls of the sanctuary stared at the ground as the organ played "America the Beautiful" and "The Navy Hymn."

"He loved dignity and formality, and asked for it in this service — but yet not knowing it would be Pooh's also," Switzer said.

Marian Tower, 35, known by her friends as "Pooh," was remembered as "intelligent, loving and generous."

"And all of us who knew her could add a thousand other words.

Tower, 65, was remembered as a "Texan at heart" and a patriot during the hour-long service at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

... She loved others warmly and generously," said Leighton Farrell, a senior minister at the church.

Switzer said he was devastated by the loss of the Towers. "It knocked the wind out of us. Many of us are still in a state of shock," he said.

Several colleagues spoke of Tower's sense of humor, a quality often masked by his stoic outward presence.

"We knew and enjoyed John's fun-loving side. But we also knew his serious side," Switzer said.

Tower built his 23-year career in the Senate on his military expertise, but questions about his moral fitness cost him the job he coveted most, defense secretary. He was dogged by a reputation as a ladies' man with a fondness for cocktail.

Tower's failure to get confirmed as defense secretary was one of "the lowest points in his entire life," Farrell said.

Farrell said he wrote a letter of support to the politician after the Senate rejected his nomination, 53-47. Farrell said Tower wrote back:

"We're troubled on every side. ... We're persecuted, but we never have to stand alone. We are knocked down, but we are never knocked out."

Texas leads in crossings deaths

HERALD WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — The number of fatal accidents at rail-highway crossings in Texas was the highest in the country between 1989 and 1990, according to a study released Monday.

The study, published by Citizen's Action, shows that 186 people were killed in 1989-1990 at Texas rail-highway crossings, which number 13,582.

The statistics were publicized by Citizen Action to bolster its assertion that the railroad administration has failed to set adequate standards for signal maintenance at the country's rail-highway crossings.

Gil Carmichael, the federal railroad administrator, countered the charges by saying Citizen Action failed to point out that between 1979 and 1989, the number of rail-highway accidents declined more than 50 percent, from approximately 26,000 to 12,000.

"The report is taken out of context," asserted Carmichael, who said the 801 crossing fatalities in 1989 were an aberration in a trend of declining numbers of rail-highway fatalities during the past decade.

The rate of fatal crossing accidents during the period—13.7 deaths at 1,000 Texas crossings—was the fifth highest among the

states, according to the report, which is based on Federal Railroad Administration statistics.

Texas, which had 1,268 rail-highway crossing accidents during the two-year period, was one of three states, including Illinois and Ohio, that reported more than 100 crossing fatalities in 1989-1990. Illinois and Ohio reported 130 and 124 crossing fatalities, respectively.

Texas reported 645 crossing accidents that caused injuries during the two years, when at least 1,492 people across the country were killed in crossing accidents. The number of crossing fatalities nationwide between 1981 and 1988 was 4,794.

Flood water still keeping some out of homes

SAN BENITO (AP) — It took only about two days for more than 17 inches of rain to soak the area, but it's taking a lot longer for the water to go away.

Thousands of people still had water in their houses Monday, three days after storms drenched the South Texas cities of Harlingen and San Benito.

Some flood victims stayed in emergency shelters, some stayed with relatives or friends and some went home despite the water, officials said.

San Benito Mayor Gilbert Galvan estimated damage to public and private property at about \$102 million. In neighboring Harlingen, officials have estimated damage at \$20 million to \$25 million, but the figure could increase, said Roger Riojas, city emergency management coordinator.

The mayor said up to half the residents of the city of 25,000 probably still had up to five feet of water standing in their homes Monday.

Gov. Ann Richards has asked President Bush for emergency federal disaster assistance, which could include loans and grants.

Officials with the governor's office, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Small Business Administration toured the area Monday to survey the damage.

Many people with no flood insurance apparently have lost their homes or suffered extensive damage to homes and businesses, officials said.

Soggy carpeting ripped out of houses in the two flooded cities piled up on front lawns.

Mario Maya stood at the edge of his flooded San Benito neighborhood Monday waiting for the water to recede. Maya, 40, who is unemployed, said his house will be "a total loss. It's a real old



Associated Press photo

SAN BENITO — Esquero Luna rides by boat to get to his home. Luna said that, because of more than 17 inches of rain that fell in the area, he lost everything in his home.

house. I don't think there'll be much to repair."

Residents of his La Palma subdivision said it never flooded so badly, even during hurricanes, and they blamed the city for filling in a drainage canal a year or two ago.

Galvan and other city officials blamed nature for the flooding.

"The federal government needs to respond to this just like they would to a national emergency," said Bill Maples, a city commis-

sioner in San Benito.

An angry group of about 50 San Benito residents whose homes still had as much as five feet of water in them confronted Mayor Galvan with their frustrations Monday.

"I was mobbed," Galvan said. "It's normal for people to react like that, very human."

Maria Rangel, one of the protesters, said many residents of La Palma were angry that the city still had not drained their inun-

dated neighborhood.

There were about 1,500 houses still flooded in Harlingen, particularly on the western side. Harlingen has about 60,000 residents.

Harlingen resident Juan Sanchez said he, his wife and three children had been staying with relatives since they fled their flooded house early Saturday morning.

"I'm going to move to a two-story apartment, upstairs," Sanchez said.

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Astronauts enjoy playing in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two spacewalking astronauts cavorted like kids on a playground, all in the name of science. And when it was time to go back in, one grumbled like a boy hearing his mother call him for dinner: "Rats."

Jerry Ross and Jay Apt spent about six hours outside the shuttle Atlantis on Monday, bouncing around on the end of the spaceship's mechanical arm, testing tools and riding piggyback in carts along a rail in the open cargo bay.

Their antics 280 miles above Earth provided invaluable information for future spacewalkers and for engineers designing

NASA's planned space station, the permanently manned laboratory the agency hopes to start building in 1995.

Mission commander Steven Nagel today began maneuvering the spaceship to within nine miles of the Gamma Ray Observatory to practice using the shuttle's navigation system. The observatory, which the shuttle put in orbit Sunday, will start tracking gamma rays from hot, violent celestial objects in about a month.

Also this morning, the astronauts saw the Soviet space station Mir as Atlantis flew within 130 miles of the craft over Australia.

FCC to limit time of commercials

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission is setting limits for the number of commercials that can be aired during television programs aimed at children.

In advance of today's vote, media groups have asked the commission to adopt the most lax rules possible to enforce a law passed by Congress last year, while children's advocacy groups have campaigned for strict controls.

To enforce the 1990 law, the FCC must decide what a "child" is and whether some children's shows are nothing more than program-length commercials.

"I don't want to predict what the FCC will do, but our hope is that they will take the least restrictive approach for the sake of the First Amendment," said Richard T. Kaplar, vice president of the Media Institute, a Washington-based research organization.

But Peggy Charren, founder of Action for Children's Television, said she hoped the FCC would consider the Children's Television Act of 1990, passed by Congress last fall, as a mandate for strong restrictions.

"I am optimistic," she said by telephone from Boston, where her group is based.

Police Chief Gates returns to duty



GATES REINSTATED

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A temporary court order returned Police Chief Daryl Gates to work but left unanswered the question: Who in City Hall controls the Police Department?

Superior Court Judge Ronald M. Sohigian on Monday reinstated Gates pending an April 25 hearing. The ruling sets aside last week's vote by the Police Commission to put Gates on paid leave while the videotaped police beating of a black motorist is investigated.

The judge told both sides to prepare arguments on whether the City Council has the authority to reinstate Gates over the Police Commission's objections.



SAFWAN, Occupied Iraq — A woman carries belongings through Safwan, Monday, past a sign reading: "Please Help Us From Saddam Blood Men" written by refugees who fled the civil war in Iraq.

Kurds welcome U.N. safe haven proposal

IN NORTHERN IRAQ (AP) — A Kurdish rebel leader today welcomed a proposal for a U.N.-protected refugee zone in northern Iraq, but Iraq's prime minister rejected the idea.

Masoud Barzani, head of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, said rebellious Kurds would accept a cease-fire once such a haven was established.

"It is the government that continues to fight. If they stop, we will stop," he told reporters at his temporary mountain headquarters.

Iraqi Prime Minister Saadoun Hammadi, however, said the plan was "a suspect proposal and Iraq... will oppose it by all means." The Iraqi New Agency reported in a dispatch monitored in Cyprus.

Leaders of the European Community met in Luxembourg on Monday and endorsed the proposal by Prime Minister John Major of Britain to create an enclave in northern Iraq where Kurdish refugees would be safe from Iraqi troops.

"We have to try to put a stop to the bloodletting of Saddam Hussein," Major told the EC summit. He said the refuge might include

some large towns in the Kurds' traditional homeland in northern Iraq, and said soldiers — presumably an international force — might be needed to guard its borders.

As many as 3 million Kurds have fled into the mountains in the aftermath of a failed rebellion that sought to capitalize on Iraq's defeat in the Gulf War. Most refugees have headed for Turkey and Iran, which are overwhelmed. Several thousand refugees reportedly have died of hunger, exposure and from wounds inflicted by Saddam's forces.

The Iraqi agency quoted Hammadi as saying outsiders were "fabricating" and "exaggerating" the refugee problem. He said Iraq has proposed an amnesty for rebels and offered transportation to refugees. "It is another circle of plots against Iraq and its sovereignty," he said.

In Luxembourg, Major suggested creating "an enclave under U.N. protection that would provide shelter and housing to Kurds until it is safe for them to return to their own homes."

World

Premier defends Chinese policy

BEIJING (AP) — Premier Li Peng said today if China had not crushed its 1989 democracy movement, it would be suffering the same economic problems as East European countries that have cast off communism.

"Looking from a historical perspective, the measures taken by Chinese leaders will increasingly be proven to be necessary," he said at his annual news conference held after the closing of the national legislature.

It was the first time a top Chinese official publicly expressed the leadership's assessment that East Europe's flight from communism has been an economic disaster. Several official publications have made this

argument.

Chinese sources say that privately, the leadership is relieved by the inflation, unemployment and shortages in the former East bloc. If East Europe had prospered, it would have increased popular pressure on China to abandon socialism.

In unusually conciliatory remarks, Li said it was understandable that there are conflicting views of the Chinese army's attack on the student-led movement in 1989.

But he added, "If, at that critical moment, the Chinese party and government did not adopt... Resolute measures, China today could not enjoy stability."

Georgia declares independence

MOSCOW (AP) — The Georgian Parliament today declared the republic's independence from the Soviet Union, the official Tass news agency said.

The move followed a referendum last month in which nearly 100 percent of Georgians demanded independence.

The immediate effect of the declaration was largely symbolic, because it was unlikely to be recognized as legal by Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and the national legislature.

However, the declaration could lead to more concrete steps toward autonomy, such as crea-

tion of a separate currency and economic system.

Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia already has begun building a Georgian army, and he has called for a faster transition to a free economic market.

On March 31, 98 percent of Georgian voters cast ballots endorsing independence from the Soviet Union. Gorbachev called the poll invalid.

Today's declaration was based on Georgia's independence resolution of May 26, 1918, which granted Georgians living in the former Russian Empire the right of self-determination.

Unrest leaves 15 dead in township

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Residents began fleeing the black township of Katilehong early today after arson attacks destroyed scores of shacks and the death toll in two days of unrest rose to 15.

Men packed up boxes as women streamed out of the Johannesburg township with children strapped on their backs and clothes loaded on their heads. Some pushed shopping carts full of household belongings.

Police Maj. Dave Bruce said 15 people had been killed since unrest broke out in Katilehong on Sunday. He did not know if any of the deaths were the result of fires that began late Monday.



CHILD FLEES SQUATTER CAMP

Gossip-hungry hoard fills ballroom for book signing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The official coming out party for Kitty Kelley's unauthorized biography of Nancy Reagan filled a sweltering ballroom with gossip-hungry guests amid predictions the book's juicy allegations would push sales into the stratosphere.

"I just love this," Kelley said Monday as she went from interview to interview and posed in her pink and black suit next to a nearly life-size publicity image of Nancy Reagan in trademark red.

In the ballroom of the National Press Club a string quartet played

classical airs. But its strains soon were drowned out by more than 1,000 eager book buyers, gawkers and friends who watched eight television camera crews and a press corps of presidential proportions trail Kelley through the throng.

Kelley said at least some in the room were sources for the book, "Nancy Reagan: The Unauthorized Biography." She did not identify them.

But the happiest man in the room may have been her publisher.

"We had reorders for 90,000

books by 11 a.m.; by the end of the day we had reorders for 150,000 copies," said a beaming Charles Heyward, president of Simon and Schuster. "This is going to be the No. 1 best seller."

"It's the greatest number of reorders in one day for any book I have ever been associated with," Heyward said as he toted a stack of the books for Kelley to sign.

Lynn Nofziger, White House political director in the first year of the Reagan presidency, appeared and received a hug.

"Give me a kiss," Kelley

demanding and on receiving it grinned and taunted: "In for a dime, in for a dollar."

Someone asked her if she cared what Nancy Reagan will say about it all.

She smiled and shook her head, no.

Nofziger was asked if his presence had any particular meaning.

"It doesn't mean anything," he replied. "Kitty is a friend of mine; the Reagan's are friends of mine. If Nancy scheduled a book party here, I'd come."



Associated Press photo

WASHINGTON — Author Kitty Kelley, left, poses with a poster of her new book "Nancy Reagan: The Unauthorized Biography" during a party given in Washington, Monday. The book portrays Nancy Reagan as a vain, manipulative woman, who was promiscuous while she was a Hollywood starlet.

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Just sharing of war burden

Congressional budget analysts estimate that the United States may make a profit on the Persian Gulf War. It may cost only about \$40 billion, they say, well under the \$54.5 billion pledged by U.S. allies in the anti-Iraq coalition.

Is this possible? More to the point, is it proper? If the estimates turn out to be true, should the United States pocket the difference as compensation for its leadership and sacrifices, or should its allies get a rebate on their financial contributions?

The Bush administration says, in effect, that the question is moot because the final cost will be much higher, perhaps \$60 billion or more. That raises the question of which expenditures may properly be ascribed to the allied operation and which ought to be treated as the normal cost of doing military business.

Congress suspects the administration is padding the numbers, but can't say for sure because not all of them are yet available. The German government says it will pay its share in full, but also wants a full accounting. The administration owes the Germans and the American people no less.

Yet sorting out the numbers is bound to be complex and, to a degree, arbitrary. Costs of transportation must be included, as well as munitions expended and equipment lost or damaged.

But what of wear and tear, medical care and pensions for those wounded and permanently disabled? Some in the administration, and in Congress, regard these as billable expenses.

Some things can't be measured in dollars, certainly not the cost in human life, nor the potential political damage that might result from petty haggling between Washington and its allies about what should count, what shouldn't and who should pay how much.

To avoid such an embarrassing squabble, U.S. policymakers must take care not to pad the bill with, as one example, future veterans' benefits, which Congress already has loaded onto a supplementary appropriations measure to pay for the war.

Why should Americans be so generous, especially when Germany and Japan, neither of which sent troops to the gulf, were so long, and seemed so grudging, in making commitments to the operation? In part the answer is that the governments in Bonn and Tokyo ran serious political risks in pushing through appropriations that must be paid for with tax increases. They consequently deserve, at least, a fair accounting.

A more important reason is that this country's vital interests were at stake in the gulf. To allow others to pay the entire bill — notwithstanding the disproportionate U.S. share of the military burden — would put a mercenary cast on this country's leadership of that alliance against aggression. Others must pay their fair share, but no more.

Helping homeless work toward independent lives

By JULIE H. FINIGAN
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — There is a man who sleeps on the back doorstep outside my office. Sometimes when I work late, we meet there as I leave for the night. The first time we met I accidentally hit him in the head with the swing of a metal door. Startled, I apologized and asked if I had hurt him. He smiled and said "no" — as if it were normal to get hit in the head with a heavy door. Walking toward the subway, I felt fortunate — even guilty — knowing I was going home to dinner and my own warm, soft bed.

I have the same feeling when I awake in the morning at McKenna Center, a homeless shelter where I volunteer once a week. There are two volunteers a night at McKenna Center. Our role is to host the eight homeless men who inhabit the shelter for the winter. We serve dinner — usually a soup or casserole — clean up, and enforce an unspoken rule of lights out by 10 p.m. Before the lights go out, the men take showers, wash and iron their clothes, and play cards or watch television for a couple of hours.

McKenna Center is located in the basement of an inner-city church, two blocks away from the Capitol. Eight beds are tucked away in a back room, and each man has a small area to keep his things. Because the shelter provides counseling during the day and houses the same men throughout the winter, there is a sense of progress and community here. The plan is to get the men on their own feet by spring — move them into apartments, and secure jobs so they become independent.

For some, this goal is more difficult to achieve. Maurice, for example, is mentally retarded. It is an accomplishment to get him to take a shower or convince him that he need not carry all his belongings with him in shopping bags all day, every day. Tim has suffered from a stroke and needs help getting dressed and undressed. It is unlikely that Maurice or

Guest column

Tim will be able to live on his own.

Not all the men, however, are at the mercy of other people. Jerome recently got a job at McDonald's and is saving for the deposit on an apartment. He is in a drug rehabilitation program and is determined to succeed. Michael misses dinner with us because he is working as a night security guard and does not finish until close to midnight.

Six of the eight men are in, or have completed, 12-step programs for drug and alcohol addiction. McKenna Center policy requires the men to seek help and make a commitment to become self-sufficient.

The shelter acts as a place where they can make that transition. Simple things I take for granted, like having an address to receive mail, are essential in finding a job or apartment. A place to receive telephone calls helps when prospective employers or landlords call to verify information.

McKenna Center shuts its doors in mid-April. By then, volunteers and social workers who have worked with the men for the past six months hope to see them move into an apartment and become self-sufficient.

Maurice, Michael, Tim and the others at McKenna Center have given me the opportunity to understand the homeless. Rather than seeing them as "lazy" or at fault for their situations, I have come to understand that other factors are involved.

It's too easy to blame everything on them, and it won't solve America's increasing problem of homelessness.

The man on our back doorstep does not startle me anymore, but the fact that Americans are allowing more and more doorsteps to be used as homes does

Afraid of getting ticket in Los Angeles



The Saturday afternoon gang was sitting around quaffing beer when the subject of fear came up. Colfax spoke first.

"I'm afraid of making love with a married woman, and then when it's over she asks me to kill her husband."

Delmonte said, "My fear is that I will disappear into a Washington, D.C., pothole and no one will know where I am."

Littlefield joined in, "I am most afraid of being bitten by my father-in-law's pit bull."

It was Wendel's turn. He took a sip of beer and then confided, "My nightmare is getting a speeding ticket in Los Angeles."

"What's wrong with that?" I asked him.

"Suppose there is nobody around with a video camera?"

"You're fearful for no reason. There is always someone around with a camera."

Wendel confessed that he was still frightened.

"What if they make me get out of the car?"

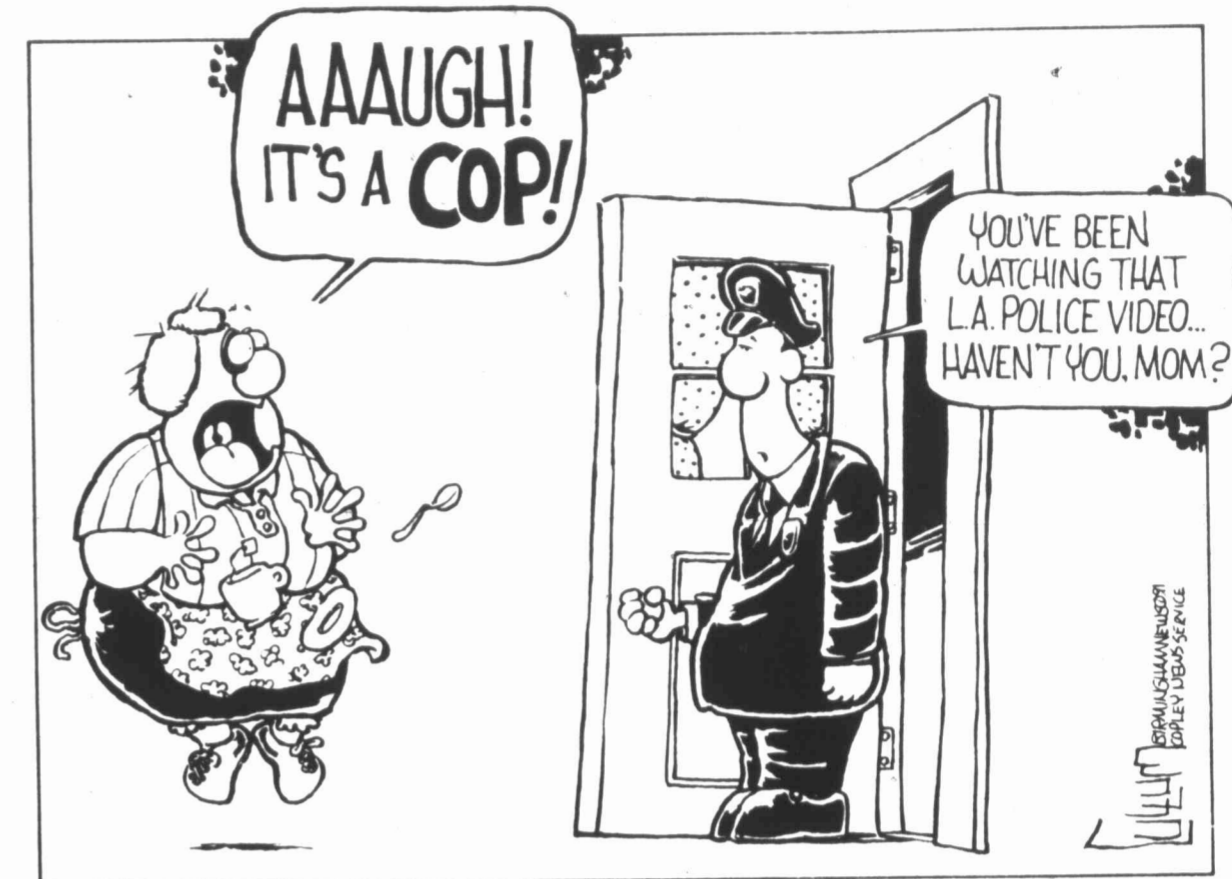
"They won't do that just to give you a speeding ticket. What kind of police do you think they have in Los Angeles?"

"Suppose the cop who stops me forces me to lie down on my stomach with my hands behind my back and my legs spread out."

"He wouldn't dare," I assured him.

"Why not?"

"Because Police Chief Gates



wouldn't stand for it." "In my dream he does." "Wendel," Delmonte said, "people have speeding ticket nightmares in every large city in this country, but nothing ever happens. My guess is that if you were stopped by a policeman in Los Angeles for speeding, he would salute smartly and let you off with a stern warning." "Is this your nightmare or mine?" Wendel wanted to know. "It's mine." "Well, in my dream I'm surrounded by 10 cops and they're playing hockey puck with me."

We all laughed. I said, "Maybe in Soweto, but never in America. You should watch what you eat before you go to sleep." Wendel didn't speak for a few minutes and then he added, "I wasn't speeding." "Everyone tells the cops the same thing," I told him. "That's why they make you stretch out on the pavement and put a stun gun around your neck. The police hate liars." "In my nightmare they whack the hell out of me for no reason at all."

"The Los Angeles police don't whack people without a reason. Maybe they didn't like your haircut." "I have a nice haircut," Wendel protested. "To you maybe, but when the police see one, it may not be to their liking." Wendel continued, "In my nightmare I needed 20 stitches in my head." Colfax said, "Come on. You look as if they hardly laid a glove on you." Copyright 1991, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

He ain't said nary a word in twenty years

By EUNICE CHOATE
For the Herald

I get a little put out with James Kilpatrick's nitpickiness about the proper use of the English language. If he's not careful, people are going to stop talking to him altogether. Language is how I communicate. I see its rules as guides, something to help me along, not something to hog-tie me until I'm too timid to speak.

I do my best. I took a Freshman English course a couple of years ago to brush up, but any chance I had of being known as an Intellectual, was ruined when I went around asking for "Heathcliffs" instead of "Cliff Notes."

Garbled speech runs in my family, and I find it colorful and expressive. All my children sang the old gospel song, "Bringing in the Sheeps" (I thought it was Sheep), and enjoyed the classic movie, "The Wizard of Odds." My aunt believes that to raise nice children you must "rule with a wrought iron." One of my grandchildren sang me that wonderful patriotic song "My Country 'Tis a Tree," and another one, the nursery rhyme, "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

My friend Rick remembers an aunt of his back in the early sixties who was an avid television fan. She loved the show about the helicopter rescue squad called



"Birlywords," and she never missed the Richard Boone series, "How Guns Do Travel." My mother liked soap operas and old movies. She enjoyed "The Young and the Rested," and the movie with Natalie Wood and Warren Beatty, "Splinters in the Grass." Mother swore that her car (a Plymouth Valium) could out-run any truck on I-20, and she once bought some nice pajamas to "louse around the house in." Mr. Kilpatrick might call these examples obverse, or malapropisms; I call them warm and wonderful and full of self-expression. When I begin to worry about the actual rules of the language — about commas, periods, and tenses — I ask my sister to correct me when I make mistakes.

My sister is a school teacher; as her student, I feel obligated to give her as much trouble as I can. One time we had this wild argument about the proper use of "lie" and "lay."

I said, "I'm tired. I think I'll lay

down." "That's incorrect," she said. "Whatcha' mean?" I said, "When you're tired, you lay down — it's the best thing for it."

"You can 'lay yourself down,' but you can't just 'lay down,'" she said.

"Sure I can. I do it all the time. Anytime I'm tired, I just lay down."

"You can't 'just lay down' — unless it's the past tense," she told me.

"Past tense?" I asked.

"Right," she said.

"But, I just now got tired. How am I supposed to lay down in the past tense?"

"You're not," she answered.

"You lie."

"I do not! I haven't lied in years," I said (as firmly as I could) and flopped down on the couch.

"You asked me to correct your grammar; now listen to me."

I turned over and stared at her.

"OK," she said. She took a deep breath. "If you 'lay down a minute ago' — that's correct. But, right now, there on the couch, you are not 'laying.' You're 'lying.'"

I knew she was right, so I resorted to the phrase I use whenever I lose an argument with her, "PROVE IT!" I yelled.

We laughed. She is a good teacher who understands

obstinate students. Some of the

rules lie easily across my shoulders; I wear them well and feel natural when I use them. Others grab me around the throat and squeeze; my insides scream, "THAT AIN'T ME!" and I sling them aside.

A preacher once told me that people speak in a different tone to him; that outside his circle of close friends, the unnaturally lowered voices make him feel like he's at a "perpetual funeral." An English teacher said that it's sometimes hard to have a social conversation because people are afraid she is grading their speech.

Professionals have an obligation to know the rules, and to use them in the workplace. I agree. But to most of us, the rules of the language are like good manners. We drag them out when company comes, and breathe a sigh of relief when everybody goes home and we can be ourselves again.

When I read a report about a meeting that said — "half the people in the room were absent," I knew just what it meant. When my mother told someone, "Don't never darken my door again" — they knew just what she meant. That is what communication is all about.

All my kids had Chicken-pops; and when my granddaughter puts on her ten-gallon hat and calls herself "a Cow-man" — she ain't just whistlin' Dixie.

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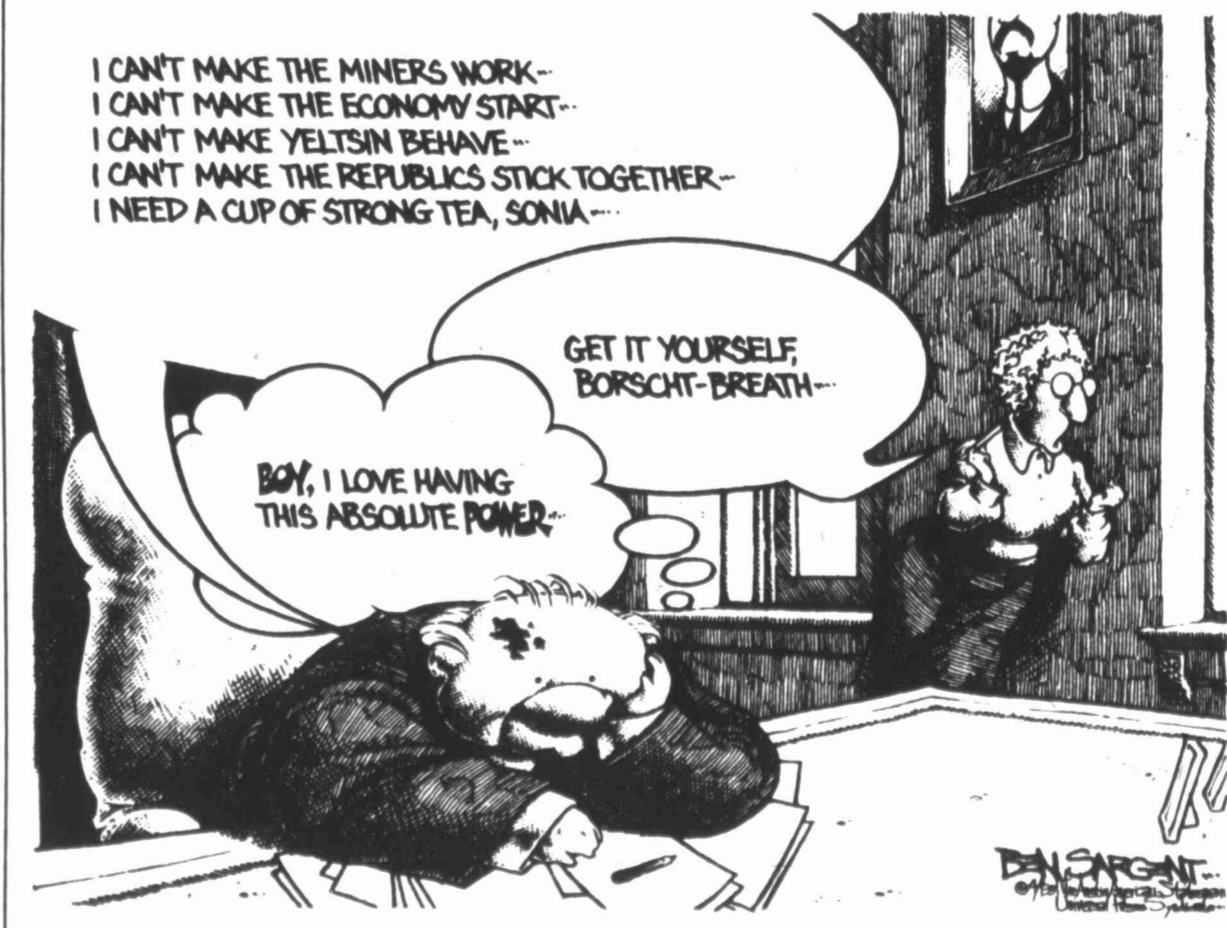
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A generous idea for party throwers

DEAR ABBY: Here's a suggestion for "Anonymous, Please," the man who will be celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary soon and wanted to request that the guests bring no gifts.

Last year we were confronted with the same situation for our 25th. Knowing that guests would bring gifts anyway, we suggested they bring canned goods for the needy. Our invitations read:

"Your love and friendship is the only gift we need. However, if you wish to bring something, please make it an item of food that will be donated to the needy."

Abby, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our friends! We hauled 10 boxes of canned goods and almost \$200 in cash down to the local "soup kitchen" that feeds the homeless and needy.

What a great party we had — filled with family and friends who made it all the more beautiful by sharing with those less fortunate. You may use my name. — ELEANOR BURLEY, STERLING HEIGHTS, MICH.

DEAR ELEANOR: That suggestion appeared in my column two years ago, but it's worth repeating

Dear Abby



periodically. Thank you, Eleanor. And may you celebrate many more happy anniversaries.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to offer some advice to younger readers regarding dating:

I am 27, and ever since I was in high school, I adopted my own personal code for dating. It is: Any guy who asks me out I will go with at least once — unless I have reason to believe he could be dangerous.

Since then, I have helped some very shy guys develop their self-confidence, and I've established some good friendships and a few meaningful relationships.

Not every date has been great — a few have been real duds — but if a guy asks me out, at least I give him a chance. (Accepting a date doesn't mean you have to marry

anyone.) Also, after the first date, I generally insist on paying my share of the tab, I'm not rich — I'm a middle-class working woman — but I know how expensive dating is for most guys.

I haven't met Mr. Right yet, but in the meantime, I'm enjoying myself. — CYNTHIA IN GEORGIA

DEAR CYNTHIA: It's easy to see why you're not sitting at home, waiting for your telephone to ring. You're a giver, not a taker. You appear to be a young woman who likes herself and is comfortable to be around.

There are two kinds of people in the world — those who walk into a room and say, "There you are!" — and those who say, "Here I am!" You belong in the "there you are" category. You could give lessons.

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Dog day afternoon

After drinking 3 cups of lemonade, Riley, the dog, says no thanks to another offered to him Sunday in Falmouth, Maine by owner Grg Hob-

son, 8, as sisters Hillary Arris, 7, and Elizabeth, 4, look on. The trio said Riley was their best customer, but he never paid his nickel.

Pilot welcomed



Forsan Jr./Sr. High welcomed Cpt. Richard Crandall home from the Middle East conflict at an all school assembly Thursday.

Crandall, with his wife and child, was presented a plaque from the student body and a bouquet of yellow flowers for Mrs. Crandall. Crandall shared some of his experiences as a F-15 Fighter pilot, showing the students a video of an actual bombing mission. Crandall thanked the band students for their letters of encouragement during his stay in Saudi Arabia, remarking, "It was easier to face the Iraqis than get up in front of you to speak today." Mr. and Mrs. Ned Crandall, Cpt. Crandall's parents, were special guests. A reception followed.

School news

Christina Lane, Elbow 5th grader from Bo Fryar's class, will be honored as Principal of the Day this week. Christina earned the privilege by accumulating 93 points in the Horizons Accelerated Reading Program, introduced by teacher Chuck Clarke this year. The program encourages individual reading, using a computer to test and keep records, introducing students to highly acclaimed books, many of them Newbery Award winners.

Fourth grader Rita Moreno, to celebrate gaining 70 points in the Horizons program, lunched with Principal Light last week. Light congratulated Rita over the PA system on her achievement and played Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" for all the students. Caleb Hollingshead, also a 4th grader, ate lunch with Mr. Light two weeks ago, and is working hard to accumulate enough points to be principal for a day.

Let's dance

Promenade your partner. Elbow's PE Director, Eunice Thixton is teaching students to square dance as a "rhythmic activity" this week.

Cosden tour

Elbow 4th graders took a field trip to Cosden Thursday afternoon. Principal Light drove Mrs. Shoults, Mrs. Madry, and Mr. Clarke's students to the refinery, where they were met and escorted by Don Riley. The students toured the plant, even receiving ear plugs to enter one especially noisy building.

Registration today

Today is kindergarten pre-registration for the 91-92 school year. Children enrolled must be 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 1991. Birth certificates, shot records and social security cards are required. Children not attending kindergarten this year, who will be 6 by Sept. 1, need to be enrolled for first grade at this time also.

Those registering between 10:40 and 11:25 a.m. will be able to meet the Kindergarten teachers and have a tour of the building.

Fifth grade concert

The annual 5th grade music concert will be held at the Elbow gym, Friday, April 12 at 2 p.m. The kids will be under the direction of Sharon and Bill Cregar. All parents and friends are invited.

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How's that?

Q. How much does a hummingbird weigh?
 A. The average hummingbird weighs less than a penny. Also a newborn hummingbird is the size of a bumble bee, and a hummingbird nest is about the size of a walnut, according to North American Precip Syndicate, Inc.

Calendar

- TODAY**
- The City of Big Spring Community Clean team will be working in District 7 through Thursday. If you have articles to be picked up, call the city at 263-8311.
 - The Coahoma Athletic Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria to finalize plans for the Athletic Banquet. For more information call 394-4594.
 - The Coahoma Band Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. in the Coahoma Band Hall.
 - The Charles Stanholm Art Competition will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School foyer. The person who wins first place will go to Abilene for further competition.
 - There will be a novice radio operator's licensing class at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club building on south Highway 87.
 - AMAC (Adults Molested As Children) will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the St. Mary's Episcopal Church library, 1001 Goliad Street. Anyone interested must call first - Dr. Federman or Dawn Pearson at 267-8216 ext. 287.
 - The Parenting Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Mental Health Center. This group provides support and education to assist parents in coping effectively with the management of their children and teenagers. Anyone interested must call first to schedule an orientation interview - John McGuffey, MA, LPC, or Dawn Garrett, MA, at 267-8216 ext. 287.
 - The Carson and Barnes Circus will perform at 4:30 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. at the east SWCID ball field.

WEDNESDAY

- The Divorce Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome. Child care is available. Use the back entrance at Gregg Street parking lot. For more information call 267-6394.
- Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.
- The Salvation Army is sponsoring a "Mexican Fiesta Dinner" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the corps community center, 811 W. Fifth Street. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Former Big Spring resident dies in prison

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Former Big Spring resident Gary Vern Isaacks has died apparently of natural causes while serving a prison sentence for the death of a Big Spring woman, authorities said today.

The preliminary report says he died of liver and respiratory failure," said State Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Charlie Brown. "He was pronounced dead on April 4."

Isaacks was serving a 10-year sentence for involuntary manslaughter following the 1987 hanging death of Nickie Louise Billingsley. Isaacks was sentenced to a state prison in Palestine last August.

Isaacks was originally charged with murder but was allowed to plead guilty to the lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter. Prosecutors at the time said they did not have enough evidence for a murder conviction.

"Initially we treated the death (of Billingsley) as a suicide and let a lot of water go under the bridge," District Attorney Rick Hamby said last year.

According to reports from the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Billingsley's body was found hanging from a cloth belt from a clothesline pole at her Big Spring residence.

"It had all the appearances of being a suicide. (Later) there was some evidence that there was an argument," Hamby said then.

The official report on Isaacks' death has not been disclosed, said Brown.

Israel ready for peace talks with Arabs, Soviets

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel today told the United States it was ready to hold peace talks with the Arabs under American auspices and with the Soviet Union participating in a regional conference.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III responded positively to the initiative presented to him by Foreign Minister David Levy. And yet, Baker said he wanted to talk to Arab leaders before committing the U.S. government to the proposition.

If the Arabs agree to the Israeli initiative, Baker's Mideast diplomacy could be credited with a significant breakthrough, even though the outcome of negotiations would be uncertain.

"We have had a productive and very constructive meeting," Baker said after the hour-long session with Levy at the foreign ministry.

Baker then went to see Prime

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Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who set a positive tone for Baker's stop in Israel by announcing some 1,000 Palestinian prisoners would be released this weekend.

Baker will meet with Egyptian, Saudi, Syrian and Jordanian officials this week, and Israeli sources said he may return to Jerusalem before going home to report to President Bush.

Israel has objected all along to an international peace conference on the grounds the Soviet Union was likely to side with the Arabs and corner Israel with unacceptable terms.

Levy underscored that his government would agree to a regional conference with Soviet participation only if it produces direct negotiations with the Arab governments. He made no mention of the Palestinians, except to reaffirm a 1989 Shamir plan to hold elections on the West Bank and in Gaza leading to limited self rule.

Under these circumstances, Levy said in Hebrew, "Israel would not object to the participation of the Soviet Union."

The Shamir government hopes that before such talks could be held Moscow would restore full

diplomatic relations with Israel that were severed in the 1977 Mideast war.

The Arabs, with support from Bush, are demanding Israel give up territory in exchange for peace. Shamir, however, insists on holding onto the West Bank and Gaza, which Israel took in 1967.

"I think we did make some progress," Baker said. "There is, of course, some distance to go. But I'm hopeful."

Baker was to meet today with a delegation of six Palestinian leaders, all of them supporters of the Fatah faction of the Palestine

Liberation Organization.

A statement prepared by the Palestinians for presentation to Baker called on the United States to reopen its dialogue with the PLO and to pressure Israel to end practices that it described as "an active negative response to all peace initiatives."

The statement criticized "Israel's frenzied intensification of the settlement policy, its stepped up confiscation of land and resources, its escalation of the 'iron fist' policy in terms of detentions, killings, closed areas, curfews, economic strangulation, closures of institutions and all other forms of collective punishment."

The statement criticized Israeli efforts to keep the PLO out of any peace talks and said the peace process must lead to Palestinian "independence and statehood."

Barbecue skills judged at cook-off

By GARY SHANKS
 Staff Writer

Area barbecue masters pitted their culinary skills against one another in the Eighth Annual Howard County Youth Horseman Club Cook-Off.

The competition apparently was friendly and lighthearted. "People come out here to have fun. If you come to win, you might as well stay home," second-place brisket winner Dan Kennemur said during the competition Sunday.

This competition did spark a few rivalries, however.

"That dad-burned Kennemur turned in chicken for goat last year and won first place in the goat. I told him that if he tried that again

this year, I was going to switch it out for horse apples, or something," coordinator Kenneth Williams said.

Trophies were awarded in five categories: brisket, black-eyed peas, goat, red beans and best pit area.

Kenneth Williams cooking for the "Meals on Wheels" team won first place for his black-eyed peas.

The "Armadillo Express" team of Bill and Joann Kelly won first in the red-bean category.

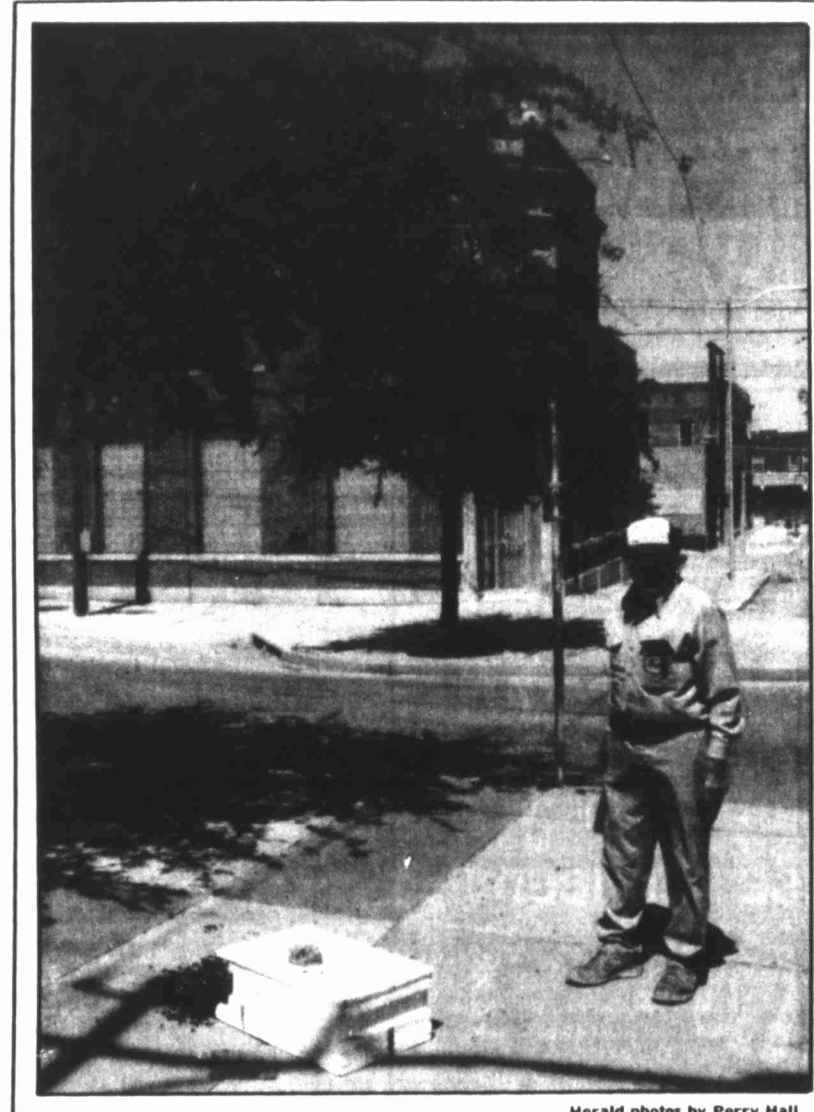
First place in the goat category was won by Buck and Tracy Buchanan and their team, "Buckets and Buck'ets."

A prize for "most original red beans" was given to John Klein of

"John's Blue Team," and the coveted brisket category went to Buddy Smith and the "Sourdough Express."

Kelly, a welder from Midland, and his wife were the unanimous choice for the best pit area. Kelly fashioned the Armadillo Express, a replica of an old steam locomotive, with its boiler section serving as a grill and its fire box being stoked just as it might have been in an actual locomotive. A metal-sculptured armadillo rode the cowcatcher in front.

Judging the cooking events were Errol Porter, Rory Doan and Gary Shanks. There were six or more entries in each category.



Herald photos by Perry Hall

Bees fall from tree

A mound of bees was found on the sidewalk at the corner of Second and Main streets around noon Sunday. More insects were swarming in a nearby tree. B.A. Kinard, who has been handling bees for 68 years, said they were young bees and would not sting. He transferred them to his home on Gail Road.

Commissioners agree to reopen foreman position

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
 Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners agreed Monday that a foreman position in the county road and bridge department should be reopened following complaints from a Hispanic that two supervisory jobs were eliminated to prevent his promotion.

As a result, Alva Thomas, who has been with the road and bridge department 34 years, most recently as a service truck operator, was given the new foreman job Monday afternoon because he has the most seniority of four workers who applied, said County Engineer Bill Mims. Thomas is not a minority.

Mims told commissioners during their meeting he had accepted bids over the past week for a foreman over the three-employee structures gang, which does miscellaneous jobs around the county. Jobs go to those who apply and have the most seniority, according to a department policy.

After hearing a presentation from Mims, commissioners agreed, without taking a vote, that the action was appropriate. "After we got to looking at how it's handled, we decided it was strictly up to the department head," said County Judge Ben Lockhart.

The complaining employee, Robert Ramirez, knew there are several employees who have more seniority than he has, but he told commissioners during an executive session March 28 he had gotten indications from the other employees they did not plan to apply for the job. If they changed their minds, he said, he would remain satisfied that the job was reopened.

J.D. Fortenberry of the Interna-

tional Union of Operation Engineers Local 826, who also was at the executive session, said he would be satisfied if the job were reopened. Fortenberry said two supervisory jobs may have been eliminated to prevent a minority from being hired. Neither Thomas nor two other men with supervisory titles in the department are minorities.

However, Mims said three jobs have been eliminated since 1989 because employees have gained enough experience over the years that they do not need as much supervision. At one time they needed it and supervisory positions were created for that need, he said. Those supervisors have since retired, said Mims, who told commissioners at the executive session that he wanted them to direct him to reopen the position.

Fortenberry and Commissioner Bill Crocker said they believed other employees have since taken on supervisory responsibilities but without the titles.

Mims acknowledged that an employee has recently taken on some supervisory duties in the road construction crew but does not have a supervisor's title. The employee is not a minority and has less seniority than Ramirez.

Meanwhile, Thomas will still work regular duties and jobs can be shuffled to prevent the need for any new employees being hired, Mims said. He will receive a pay raise from \$10.97 an hour to \$12.24.

The vacated service truck operator position will now go up on bid. An employee is expected to be promoted from within the department on Thursday, Mims said.

Council

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 dinance would help the city recoup part of the revenue it needs, but further budget trimming would be necessary.

The proposed ordinance is expected to generate total revenue of \$2.1 million from May 1 to Sept. 30, the end of this fiscal year. City officials have said they needed \$4.22 million to meet the budget. With revenues already received added to expected revenues generated by the increase, however, there would remain a \$190,000 shortfall.

"Obviously we'll have to keep looking at the budget to see what we can cut," Ferguson said.

Council member Corky Harris refused to support the ordinance, instead standing behind proposed charges of \$11.50 per connection and maintaining the current per-thousand gallon charge of \$1.63. Harris said raising the per-thousand charge would be detrimental to economic development and would discourage water use, causing further revenue loss to the city.

City calculations at the session were based on projected use of 1.96 billion gallons of water by the 8,562 customers of the city.

The planned ordinance was a compromise between a myriad of proposals. City officials said the largest variable is the amount of water that will be sold to customers. City Finance Director Tom Ferguson said there is simply no way to accurately predict usage.

With charts and graphs, Ferguson and Assistant City Manager Tom Decell showed that water sales for the first six months of this year have dropped by 13 percent from last year's figures.

"There's just no trend," Ferguson said. "That's our problem."

Harris' proposal is based on projected sales of 2 billion gallons — an increase of about 40,000 gallons over the city's projections.

Customer water use varies widely and does not appear to coincide with periods of drought, Ferguson said.

In a related matter, city staff told council members at the session that the expected shortfall in the utility fund — which includes water and sewer revenues — would be problematic for the planned renovation at the wastewater treatment plant as well.

Decell told the group the city needs \$200,000 for preliminary engineering fees related to the improvement project. Renovations are planned due to stricter state and federal permit standards.

Council members, reluctant to

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- The theft of more than \$400 in jewelry and prescription drugs was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson Road. The theft occurred Sunday between 1-1:30 p.m., and the perpetrator may have entered the home with a key, the report says.

- The city of Big Spring reported the theft of an audio recorder. It apparently occurred sometime between Thursday, March 7 and Tuesday, March 12.

- Forgeries were reported at a grocery store in the 600 block of Lamesa. In one instance, food and cash worth \$14.20 were taken. In another, \$42.68 worth of groceries were taken.

- Criminal mischief was reported to have occurred to a

vehicle in the 500 block of NE Ninth Street and also at the Northside Community Center, 108 NE Eighth Street. The center sustained damage to a window.

- A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue. A pistol, keyboard instrument and 20 cassettes were reported taken. A suspect was reportedly known by the complainant.

- Six checks drawn on First National Bank were discovered to be forgeries. The total money taken by forgery was more than \$2,100.

- A 35-year-old man was charged with resisting arrest after fighting officers during a driving while intoxicated arrest.

- A disturbance in the 1500 block of Wood Street resulted in the arrest of six persons for various offenses, including public intoxication, resisting arrest and interfering with peace officers.

Deaths

Jose Cerda

Jose Cerda, 34, Big Spring, died Sunday, April 7, 1991, in Coahoma from injuries sustained in an accident.



JOSE CERDA

Rosary will be 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Dwyer, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born July 4, 1956, in Villa De Guadalupe in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He married Olga Ochoa April 6, 1980, in Big Spring. He had lived in Big Spring since 1975 and was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He began working for Texaco in 1978. He then worked for Getty Oil Company, then later returned to work for Texaco. He was currently at the Vincent Plant. He grew up in Ackerly and graduated from Sands High School in 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Olga Cerda, Big Spring; one son, Jason Cerda, Big Spring; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Agapito Cerda, Big Spring; one sister, Juana Padilla, Abilene; two brothers: Pete Cerda, Big Spring; and Julio Cerda, Las

Vegas, Nev.; his paternal grandmother, Amada Matamoros, Rio Grande Valley.

Pallbearers will be Luciano Teralta Jr., Rolando Teralta, Jesse Castaneda, Ruben Alvarez, Jim Walsh, and Albert Ochoa.

Billy Cauble

William E. (Billy) Cauble, 72, Big Spring, died Monday, April 8, 1991. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Louise Horton

Louise Horton, 85, Libertyville, Ill., formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, April 8, 1991, in Libertyville. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Lillian Stulting

Lillian Stulting, 91, Big Spring, died Monday, April 8, 1991, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Alvis Newsom

Alvis H. Newsom, 81, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 9, 1991, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

MYERS & SMITH
 Funeral Home and Chapel
 267-8288
 BIG SPRING

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Oil/markets

May crude oil 520.36, up 5, and May cotton futures 57.78 cents a pound, up 34; cash hog was steady at 52 cents a lb.; slaughter steers steady at 82 cents even; April live hog futures 52.02, up 40; April live cattle futures 82.12, up 40 at 10:34 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.	Index	2913.12			
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Chevron	76 1/2		+1 1/2		
Chrysler	14 1/2		+1 1/2		
Coca-Cola	53 1/2				
De Beers	22 1/2		nc		
DuPont	38 1/2		+2 1/2		
El Paso Electric	7 1/2		+1 1/2		
Exxon	57 1/2		+1 1/2		
Ford Motors	31 1/2		+1 1/2		
GTE	27 1/2		+1 1/2		
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IBM	113 1/2		+1 1/2		
JC Penney	53				
Mesa Ltd. Pri. A	3 1/2		nc		
Nobell	65 1/2		+1 1/2		
New Atmos Energy	16 1/2		nc		
NUC	10 1/2		nc		
Pacific Gas	26 1/2		+1 1/2		
Pepsi-Cola	37 1/2		+1 1/2		
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Ampcap		11.90-12.53			
I.C.A.		14.25-17.24			
New Economy		22.72-24.11			
New Perspective		11.59-12.30			
Van Kampen		15.34-16.15			

Noon quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., Big Spring, 267-2501. Quotes are from today's market, and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

Sidelines

Forsan wins doubles play

ELDORADO — A Forsan Buffaloes doubles team is going to the regional tennis tournament. Seniors Jason Parker and Lex Christie teamed to beat a team from Ozona in the finals, 6-4, 6-4.

Area netters reach regionals

LAMESA — Several area athletes qualified for the regional tournament via their performances in the 13-A district tennis tournament Monday. The top two finishers in each event, qualifies for regionals.

Big Spring netters win Angelo tourney

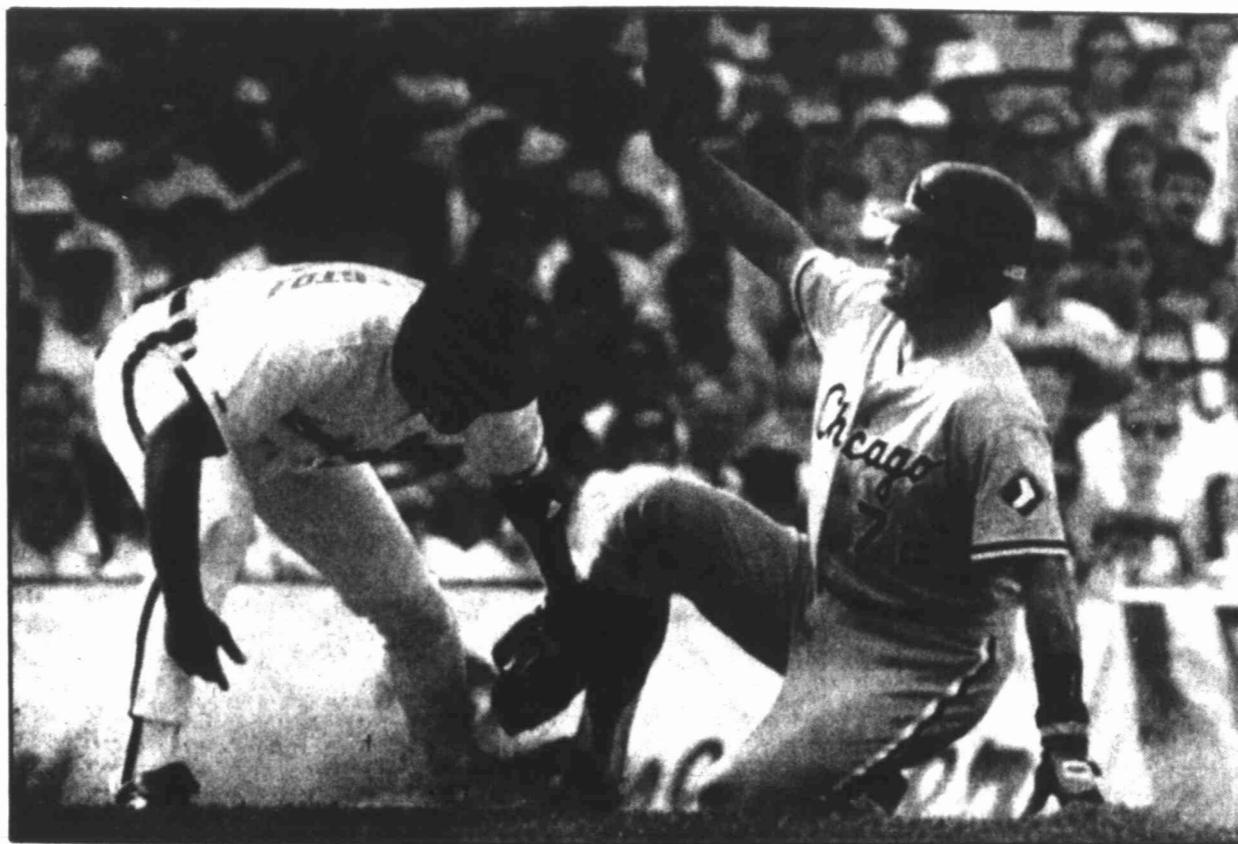
SAN ANGELO — The Big Spring High School tennis team prepped itself for the district tournament this week by winning the Lake View Invitational Team Tournament.

Steers win slugfest over Bulldogs

COAHOMA — The Big Spring Steers junior varsity scored eight runs in the third inning and held on for a 16-10 win over Coahoma Bulldogs in baseball action Monday afternoon.

Brewers ruin Ryan's opener

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS President Bush didn't have his best stuff. Neither did Nolan Ryan. The president, however, left the Arlington Stadium field after one pitch, a bouncer in the dirt. Ryan stuck around a lot longer and was saddled with a 5-4 loss to the Milwaukee Brewers.



BALTIMORE — Chicago White Sox runner Carlton Fisk slides safely under the tag of teammate Corey Snyder at Memorial Stadium. Baltimore Orioles third baseman Craig Worthington during sixth inning action on a hit by teammate Corey Snyder at Memorial Stadium.

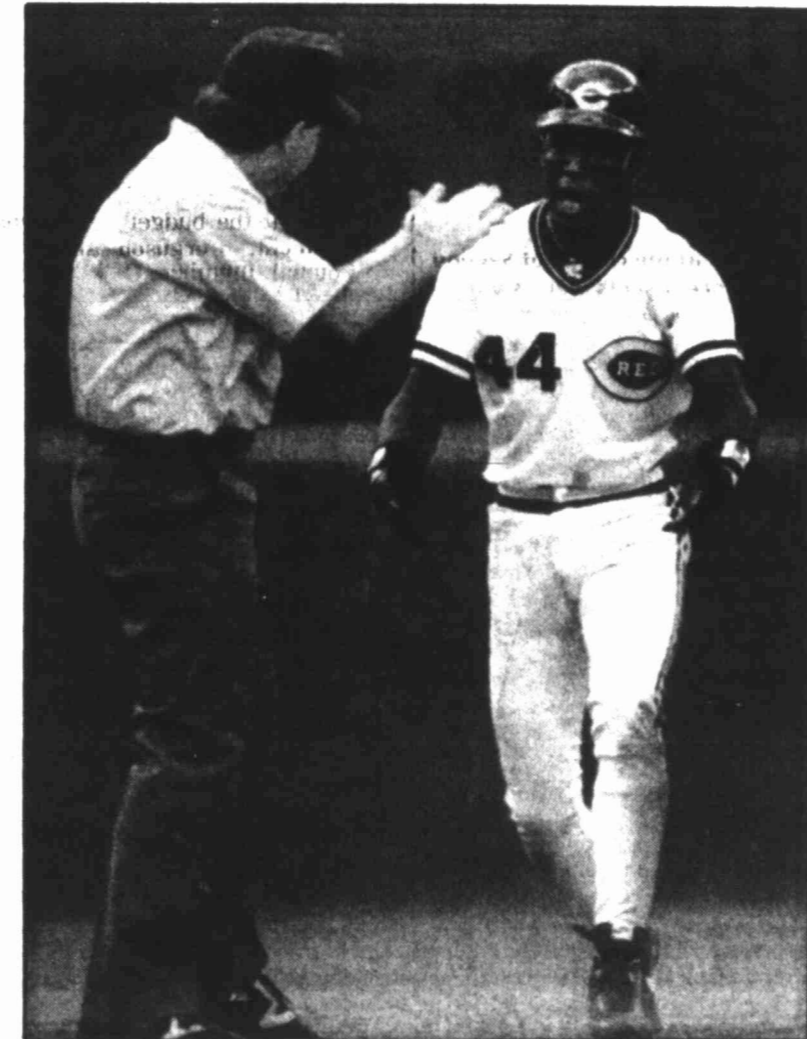
managing partner for the Rangers. For Yount, the president's presence was something special. "My day was complete just to shake the hand of the president," Yount said.

"It's really disappointing to lose a game like that when you have so many fans and the president in the stands," Ryan said. "I don't think all the hoopla bothered me."

At Toronto, Roger Clemens improved to 10-4 lifetime against the Blue Jays and Jack Clark marked his return to the American League with a grand slam.

Martinez one-hits Pirates

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS PITTSBURGH (AP) — Dennis Martinez found himself thinking no-hitter after five innings. He should have known he'd finish with a one-hitter.



CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds player Eric Davis argues with umpire John Flores at second base during the fifth inning of their game with the Houston Astros Monday afternoon. Davis was called out trying to stretch a single into a double.

NL Roundup

and they're still losing one-hitters. Martinez, who dominates the Pirates more than any National League pitcher — with the possible exception of the Dodgers' Tim Lincecum — quieted the largest baseball crowd in Pittsburgh history by pitching six no-hit innings in the Expos' 7-0 victory Monday night.

to me? Not six months apart," Pirates manager Jim Leyland said. Expos' pitchers have thrown one-hitters in three of their last 18 games, including Chris Nabholz's 2-0 victory over New York last Sept. 20.

hadn't been one in the majors since Ken McBride and Julio Navarro of the Los Angeles Angels against the Washington Senators on April 12, 1964.

Georgia Tech guard will go pro

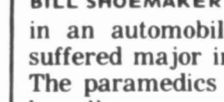
ATLANTA (AP) — Kenny Anderson's stellar collegiate career is over, with a quiet announcement three weeks after the end of a somewhat disappointing season.

back to the NCAA's Final Four, "Kenny did not have a super year," said his coach, Bobby Cremins, who stood at his side during Monday's announcement.

"I support Kenny's decision 100 percent," Cremins said, adding, "I personally appreciate him not leaving last year."

Shoemaker critical after auto accident

SAN DIMAS, Calif. (AP) — Bill Shoemaker, the winningest jockey in thoroughbred racing history, was in critical condition today with internal injuries suffered in an automobile accident.



Hospital, said late Monday night, some three hours after the accident occurred. "That's about all I can say. He is in surgery at this time."

several times and landed on its wheels. It appears to have rolled over at least two times. Shoemaker, of nearby San Marino, rode in his final race at nearby Santa Anita on Feb. 3, 1990, before a crowd of 64,573, capping a 41-year riding career.

Mediate's new putter causing stir on PGA

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Tom Watson and Arnold Palmer are golf traditionalists. They say they'd never use the curious and controversial over-long putter that has caused such a stir on the PGA Tour this season.



AUGUSTA, Ga. — Groundskeepers pilot mowers on the fourth fairway for the 1991 Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Score, and other stats. Includes Big Spring 308, Coahoma 431, etc.

Sidelines

Sports Slate

BASEBALL
 Tuesday, April 9 — Colorado City vs. Comanche, Comanche, 4:30 p.m.
 Big Spring Steers vs. San Angelo Lake View, San Angelo, 5 p.m.
 Friday, April 12 — Howard College Hawks vs. Odessa College, Odessa, 2 p.m.
 Saturday, April 13 — Colorado City vs. Ballinger, Ballinger, 1 p.m.
 Big Spring Steers JV vs. Sweetwater, (doubleheader), Steer Field, 12 noon.
 Howard College Hawks vs. Odessa College (doubleheader), Odessa, 1 p.m.

TRACK
 Thursday, April 11 — District 9-A track meet, Patricia.
 Friday, April 12 — District 3-4A track meet, San Angelo.
 Goliad and Runnels girls in Andrews meet.
 District 4-2A track meet, Iraan.
 District 6-3A track meet, Crane.
 Saturday, April 12 — District 6-2A track meet, Iraan.
 9-A junior high district meet, Lenorah.

GOLF
 Tuesday, April 9 — Final District 6-3A golf round in Colorado City.
 Final district round 6-2A golf, Big Spring, boys at Comanche Trail; girls at country club.
 Saturday, April 12 — Final district round of 3-4A girls golf, Pecos.
 Final district round of 3-4A boys golf, Fort Stockton.

TENNIS
 Friday, April 11 — 3-4A district tournament, Midland.
 District 6-3A tournament in Big Lake.
 Saturday, April 12 — 3-4A district tournament, Midland.
 6-3A district tournament, Big Lake.

RODEO
 Thursday, April 11 — Howard College in New Mexico Junior College Rodeo, Hobbs, N.M.
 Friday, April 12 — HC in NMJC Rodeo, Hobbs, N.M.
 Saturday, April 13 — HC in NMJC Rodeo, Hobbs, N.M.
 Sunday, April 14 — HC in NMJC Rodeo, Hobbs, N.M.

Coed volleyball at Forsan

FORSAN — The senior class of Forsan High School is sponsoring a coed volleyball tournament April 27.

Entry fee is \$60 per team and entry deadline is April 16. Format is round robin. The first three teams will receive team trophies.

Send entry fee to Judy Williams, P.O. Box 716, Forsan, Tx., 79733.

Golf tourney at Country Club

There will be a two-man scramble at April 13-14 at the Big Spring Country Club. Entry fee is \$100 per team, and team's will be flighted after Saturday's round. For more information call 267-5354.

Softball tourney in Stanton

STANTON — The Sun Men's Slow-pitch Softball Tournament will be this Friday and Saturday.

Entry fee is \$100 per team and entry deadline for the 16-team tournament is Thursday. The first four finishers will receive team trophies, and the first two teams will also receive individual trophies. There will also be awards for all-tournament and Most Valuable Player. For more information call Derek Sorley at 756-2651 (after 6 p.m.) or Herb Sorley at 756-2541.

Colts start season by beating Stars

In American Little League action, the Colts beat the Stars 19-9. Gilbert Hilario was the winning pitcher for the Colts, and Charles Rodriguez took the loss for the Stars.

Markus Balderach led the Colts with four hits. Hilario added three hits and Derek Hobbs and Jeremy Minter added two hits each.

For the Stars, Jeff Gregory got three singles, and Justin Cotton and Erin Tune collected two hits each.

Machine cornerback puts out Fire

MONTREAL (AP) — It was Montreal cornerback Richard Shelton who was blazing as the Machine burned the Birmingham Fire.

Shelton, who once played for the Denver Broncos in the National Football League, returned a fumble 25 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the game, then ran a pass interception back 63 yards for another score to lead Montreal over Birmingham 23-10 in a World League of American Football game Monday night.

"We played great ball inside the 20-yard line — a couple of times we really stuffed them," remarked Shelton. "When the defense can keep that up for four quarters, it gives the offense a chance to put it in the end zone, which it did in the second half."

Spurs stay hot; beat Warriors

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The San Antonio Spurs are peaking. Just ask the man at their summit, David Robinson.

"We are starting to play with a lot more confidence," Robinson said after the Spurs' fourth consecutive victory and ninth in 10 games, 115-105 over Golden State on Monday night. "We are as good right now as we have ever been."

That's good enough for a 1½-game lead in the Midwest Division over Houston. It also was too good for the Warriors, who are the Spurs' likely first-round playoff opponent.

San Antonio used a 21-4 fourth-quarter rally. The Spurs got 26 points from Sean Elliott, 24 from Robinson and 20 from Terry Cummings.

In other games, it was Seattle 118-112 over Denver for K.C. Jones' 500th career coaching victory; Atlanta 105-94 over Washington; and Utah 111-95 over Orlando.

Golden State led 83-79 with 10:32 to play when San Antonio erupted. The Spurs limited the Warriors to just two field goals over the next six minutes, pulling out to a 100-87 lead.

"That was playoff basketball," Warriors coach Don Nelson said. "I thought we played very well. I've always said if we play hard and intense and lose, I don't have a problem with that."

Chris Mullin led the Warriors with 20 points, one more than Tim Hardaway. Mitch Richmond added 16.

"The difference was they tightened up the defense when they had it and made the big plays at crunch time," Mullin said.

They also had a huge edge at the



SAN ANTONIO — Golden State Warriors Tim Hardaway (10) makes a quick start around San Antonio Spurs David Wingate during second quarter play at the Hemisfair Monday night.



Tough way to score

A Big Spring Steer player slides safely into home as the Andrews Mustangs catcher awaits the throw during recent action at Steer Field. Today

the Steers will be in district action when they travel to San Angelo to take on the Lake View Chiefs at 5 p.m.

Carl Lewis missed his day in court

HOUSTON (AP) — A scheduled court appearance Tuesday for Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis stemming from a drunken driving arrest in January was postponed until Wednesday.

Harris County Assistant District Attorney Jane Waters said Lewis, arrested Jan. 11 for driving while intoxicated, had a miscommunication with his attorney and did not show up in court Tuesday.

Ms. Waters said Lewis' \$800 bond would not be forfeited and the sprinter and long jumper would be in court Wednesday before Judge Mark Atkinson. The winner of six Olympic gold medals was pulled over after police spotted the car he was driving in the early hours of Jan. 11 strike a curb while making a turn and blowing out two tires.

Lewis failed a field sobriety test and was taken into custody. Another test administered at the police station put Lewis' blood-alcohol content at 0.12. In Texas, the legal intoxication limit is 0.10.

Putter

Continued from page 1-B when he did.

He began working with the long putter during a two-month break last winter, hasn't finished longer than 15th since then and has collected more than \$400,000 already this young season.

And, with his career-first victory in Doral a couple of months ago,

the likeable Mediate gained his first invitation to the Masters.

"I'm not getting as much heat from the other guys now as I was early in the year," Mediate observed.

But the critics and the purists and the traditionalists are not convinced. Watson is among the more outspoken.

Although the five-time British Open champion is — by his own admission — struggling with a case of the yips, he said he's opposed to the use of the putter that has proved so beneficial to players on the Senior Tour.

"It isn't a golf stroke," the 41-year-old Watson repeated. He demonstrated, holding an imaginary putter with his left hand against his chest and placing his right several inches lower.

"You just pull it back," he said, moving his right hand, "and it swings like a pendulum. It swings of its own accord. It isn't even a stroke."

Mediate just shrugged. When questioned about his putting problems, Watson also frequently replies: "It isn't the putter, it's the puttee."

He argues that a player can't perform any action well unless he practices it. Mediate is subject to back spasms. Crouching over a conventional putter for an extended practice period brings on the spasms.

UTEP athletes busted

EL PASO (AP) — A contender for starting quarterback on the Texas-El Paso football team was arrested on a felony drug charge and a basketball player and another student were arrested on a misdemeanor drug charge while on spring break at Beaumont, according to police reports.

Michael Carr, who is expected to compete with Mike Perez this fall for the starting quarterback position with the Miners, was arrested on a felony charge of possessing crack cocaine March 23 following a routine traffic stop, according to Beaumont police records.

Christopher Walters, a UTEP basketball player, and Christopher Dixon, who was once recruited to play football for UTEP, were arrested on misdemeanor charges of possessing marijuana.

Carr, Walters and Dixon couldn't be reached for comment Monday, the El Paso Times reported today.

Police records said crack cocaine was found in the car driven by Carr, but didn't say how much.

Dixon, 19, and Walters, 18, were charged with misdemeanor drug possession after police said they found a small amount of marijuana on them. Both were freed March 23 on \$250 bond.

Carr spent two days in the Jefferson County jail. He was freed March 25 after posting a \$5,000 bond.

UTEP football coach David Lee would not comment on Carr's future with the team.

"I won't comment on this until the outcome (of the drug charge) is clear," Lee said.

Carr played quarterback in Amite, La., in 1987 and Parade magazine named him a high school All-American and USA Today declared him Louisiana's high school player of the year.

Several major college teams recruited Carr. He signed with Clemson University, a consistent Top 20 team.

Carr left Clemson in 1989 after head coach Danny Ford was forced to resign in the midst of an NCAA investigation into alleged recruiting violations and had to sit out last season. He has two years of eligibility remaining.

Walters, a 6-foot-2 guard on the Miner basketball team, was signed last year as a senior at Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, Calif. but had only limited playing time this season.

Miner basketball coach Don Haskins did not return phone calls Monday, the newspaper reported.

Dixon was signed by the Miners two years ago as a defensive back. He could not play last season because his high school grades and standardized test scores did not meet NCAA requirements.

Athletic director Brad Hovious said the future of Carr and Walters at UTEP will depend on what happens in their court cases.

"But if they are found innocent then certainly there is no reason why they shouldn't be part of our program," Hovious said. "If they are found guilty, that's another story."

from the Chicago White Sox for Tim Raines, followed Dave Martinez's single with a two-run homer in the fifth for a 4-0 lead.

"It was a typical Calderon night," Rodgers said. "He uses their whole field ... he's the No. 3 hitter we haven't had in five years."

Dennis Martinez wondered if he might be looking at the first no-hitter of his 15-year career.

Martinez, who pitched in the 1979 World Series for Baltimore against the Pirates, said he hung a pair of pitches to Gary Redus in his first two times at bat, but his outfielders ran down both of his mistakes.

"I said to myself that sometimes that's how you get no-hitters; they

feel pitchers can really pitch around anybody in our lineup when we're all healthy."

That lineup includes Alan Trammell, who homered and drove in four runs as the Tigers stopped New York's streak of five consecutive opening wins. Kevin Maas and Mike Blowers homered for the Yankees.

White Sox 9, Orioles 1 At Baltimore, Sammy Sosa and

hit it hard but somebody catches it," Martinez said. "I thought maybe this will be my night. I was hitting my spots and was getting the ball to sink."

Drabek got that sinking feeling in the first when he realized he wasn't getting his breaking ball over for strikes. Tim Wallach had an RBI single in the first and Walker doubled ahead of Hassey's RBI single in the second.

The loss also was a repeat of 1990 to Drabek, who was 22-6 but lost three of five decisions to Montreal.

Reds 6, Astros 2 In the traditional NL opener at Cincinnati, the World Series champions got their rings, then started

to work on another title.

Tom Browning pitched a five-hitter before needing relief in the ninth and doubled home three runs.

Browning, 15-9 in 1990, gave up a solo homer in the fourth to Craig Biggio and another run in the ninth on Eric Yelding's triple and Steve Finley's sacrifice fly.

Mets 2, Phillies 1 At New York, Dwight Gooden led New York's 19th victory in 22 season openers. Making his sixth opening-day start for the Mets, Gooden fanned three of the first four batters. In eight innings, he gave up one run, six hits, struck out seven and walked one. The only run he yielded was John Kruk's homer.

Royals 4, Indians 2 At Kansas City, the Royals showed much of the spirit they seemed to lack last year, when they plummeted to sixth place in the AL West. The catalyst on opening day was free agent Kirk Gibson, who tripled in his first at-bat and fired up the team and the crowd as he slid into third base.

NBA Roundup

foul line, making 37 of 41 to Golden State's 13 of 18.

San Antonio set a franchise attendance record Monday, attracting its 37th capacity crowd in 38 games to reach 604,241, 633 more than last year's total.

SuperSonics 118, Nuggets 112 At Seattle, Jones became the 14th coach in NBA history to win 500 games as the SuperSonics won for the fifth time in six games. Jones, in his first season as coach of the Sonics, previously coached the Washington Bullets and Boston Celtics.

The Sonics swept the season series from the Nuggets 4-0 and moved within one win of clinching the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Shawn Kemp scored five points in a 19-2 run as the Sonics erased a 101-97 Denver lead early in the fourth quarter. Rickey Pierce, Eddie Johnson and Benoit Benjamin led the Sonics with 19 points apiece.

Orlando Woolridge led the Nuggets with 27 points and Adams added 19.

Hawks 105, Bullets 94 At Atlanta, the Hawks handed the Bullets their fifth straight road loss and 13th in 14 games. Duane Ferrell had a career-high 20 points for the hosts, who were led by Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins with 29 points.

Pervis Ellison's 26 points were tops for the Bullets. Eackles finished with 18 points and Tom Hammonds and John Williams added 14 each.

DETROIT — Lenny Wilkens, Detroit Pistons coach, was named NBA Coach of the Year.

ATLANTA — Dominique Wilkins, Atlanta Hawks forward, was named NBA MVP.

PHILADELPHIA — Charles Barkley, Philadelphia 76ers forward, was named NBA Rookie of the Year.

MINNESOTA — Karl Malone, Utah Jazz forward, was named NBA Sixth Man of the Year.

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NEW

Running phenomenon keeps going

BOSTON (AP) — From 1928 to 1991 is a long time. From Hopkinton to Boston, the route of the Boston Marathon, is a long way.

For Johnny Kelley, legendary runner of the legendary race, it's all gone by so quickly.

"I don't know where the years have gone," he said Monday. "Life is too short, I guess."

It's been a long and still healthy one for Kelley. So healthy, in fact, that the lively, white-haired 83-year-old in running shoes plans to compete in his 60th Boston Marathon next Monday.

When he trains near his East Dennis home on Cape Cod, he varies his route from the beach, to a golf course, to a state park, to the high school track. Variety spices up his runs.

"Time doesn't go by (quickly) when you're not having fun," said Dr. Kenneth Cooper, who examines Kelley annually. "That's a factor in Johnny's attitude toward life. He's always optimistic. I always love to hear him sing 'Young at Heart.'"

Cooper, an author and founder of the "Aerobics Center" in Dallas, does research on health and fitness. Kelley, he said, will have a prominent role in a book he plans to publish.

"He's a modern-day wonder and showing us that you can easily achieve high levels of fitness at advanced years," Cooper said Monday. "He's a phenomenon and,

from the standpoint of aging, he's really been a walking research laboratory.

"Johnny has so many good (health) factors anyway, low cholesterol and low blood pressure, that there's not much room for improvement."

So while four-time winner Bill Rodgers and former world record holder Steve Jones have bowed out of this year's Boston Marathon with injuries, Kelley routinely pursues his training for the race.

"I feel fine," he said, shortly after completing his morning run and before his afternoon swim. "I'm in good shape, by my standards. As they say in England, I'll stay the course."

Kelley has finished 56 of the 59 Boston Marathons he's run in. He won in 1935 and 1945, came in second seven times and has 19 top-10 finishes. He was on three U.S. Olympic teams.

He usually runs every day. But he is into his pre-marathon countdown now. That consists of four days of running, a day off, two more days of running, a day off, three final days of running, then a final day off next Sunday.

"I'm trying to conserve all the strength I have to hit it on the peak," he said.

"I run at five o'clock in the morning," said Kelley, who runs 45 minutes to an hour daily. "I can't sleep much at my age now. Four or five hours satisfy me. But I also

make sure I have a nap every day."

Kelley ran his first marathon in Rhode Island in 1928. Two months later, he made his Boston debut but failed to finish. He dropped out again in his second Boston run in 1932.

But since then, he has dropped out only once, in 1967. He even ran the full 26-mile, 385-yard course in 1976, when the temperature reached the 100s and took its toll on the runners.

"They were all dropping out like flies, but I went right through," Kelley said.

Last year he finished in five hours, five minutes, 13 seconds. He's shooting to break five hours this year.

"I think he can do that," Cooper said.

He recalls 30 years ago when he was 29 and Kelley was 53.

"Even then the guy could run me into the ground," he said. "His performance was phenomenal then and continues to be phenomenal."

The only marathon Kelley runs now is in Boston. He participates in some shorter races. He even runs in a half-marathon on Cape Cod in May named in his honor.

Finding time for his daily run is much easier since he retired from his job at Boston Edison after 36 years. He and his wife Laura moved to the Cape 18 years ago. She supports his passion.



Herald photo by Steve Belvin

Nikki on the go

Goaliard runner Nikki Zertuche, second from right, runs in second place in the first lap of the 800 meter run Friday at a track meet at Blankenship

Field. Zertuche put on a strong kick in the second lap to win the race.

HOME	2:00	GUEST
106		93
BONUS		

SCOREBOARD

Transactions

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Placed Bo Kimble, guard, on the injured list. Activated Ken Bannister, center.

United States Basketball League
NEW HAVEN SKYHAWKS—Named Terry O'Connor coach and general manager.

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL—Signed a four-year agreement with the Major League Umpires Association.

American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned Mark Leiter, pitcher, to Toledo of the International League.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Purchased the contracts of Kirk Dressendorfer, pitcher, Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League and Dana Allison, pitcher, from Southern Oregon of the Northwest League.

TEXAS RANGERS—Signed Jose Guzman, pitcher, to a minor-league contract.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Signed Deion Sanders, outfielder, to a one-year contract.

New York Penn League
AUBURN ASTROS—Named Kory Finzer director of special events.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
NFL—Named Harold Henderson executive vice president for labor relations and chairman of the NFL Management Council.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed Maurice Johnson, tight end.

Canadian Football League
OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS—Signed Gerald Hady, lineman, and Sylvano Turin, guard.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Called up Donald Dufresne, defenseman, from Fredericton of the American Hockey League.

WORLD CUP USA

WORLD CUP USA—Named Jim Trecker media relations director.

Major Soccer League
MSL—Announced that the Dallas Sidekicks folded.

WRESTLING

USA WRESTLING—Named Jim Scherr executive director.

COLLEGE

BROCKPORT STATE—Named Reginald O'Casey men's soccer coach.

GEORGIA TECH—Announced Kenny Anderson, guard, will give up his final two years of eligibility and apply for the NBA draft.

ST. MARY OF THE PLAINS—Named Richard Sweeney football coach.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE—Accepted a merger agreement with the American South Conference.

VIRGINIA TECH—Named Bill Foster basketball coach.

WESTERN KENTUCKY—Named Dr. Louis Marciani athletic director.

WISCONSIN—Announced that Larry Hissle Jr., guard, has left the basketball team.

NBA Standings

All Times EDT EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Boston	54	21	.720
x-Philadelphia	42	33	.560 12
x-New York	36	39	.480 18
Washington	23	52	.307 31
New Jersey	22	53	.293 32
Miami	22	53	.293 32

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Chicago	55	20	.733
x-Detroit	47	28	.627 8
x-Milwaukee	45	30	.600 10
x-Atlanta	40	35	.533 15
x-Indiana	37	38	.493 18
Cleveland	28	47	.373 27
Charlotte	23	53	.303 32 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Antonio	51	24	.680
x-Houston	49	25	.662 1 1/2
x-Utah	49	26	.652 2
Orlando	27	47	.365 23 1/2
Dallas	26	48	.351 24 1/2
Minnesota	23	51	.311 27 1/2
Denver	19	57	.250 32 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Portland	57	18	.760
x-LA Lakers	55	21	.724 2 1/2
x-Phoenix	50	25	.667 7
x-Golden State	39	37	.513 18 1/2
Seattle	37	38	.493 20
LA Clippers	30	45	.400 27
Sacramento	21	53	.284 35 1/2

c-inched playoff berth

y-cinched division title

Monday's Games

Atlanta 105, Washington 94

San Antonio 115, Golden State 105

Utah 111, Orlando 95

Seattle 118, Denver 112

Tuesday's Games

Indiana at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Golden State at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Orlando at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Dallas at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

New York at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Chicago at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.

Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Dallas at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

LA Clippers vs. Seattle at Tacoma, 10:30 p.m.

AL Standings

All Times EDT AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000
Detroit	1	0	1.000
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000
Baltimore	0	1	.000 1
Cleveland	0	1	.000 1
New York	0	1	.000 1
Toronto	0	1	.000 1

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Kansas City	1	0	1.000
California	0	0	.000 1/2
Minnesota	0	0	.000 1/2
Oakland	0	0	.000 1/2
Seattle	0	0	.000 1/2
Texas	0	1	.000 1

Monday's Games

Detroit 6, New York 4

Boston 6, Toronto 2

Chicago 9, Baltimore 1

Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2

Milwaukee 5, Texas 4

Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Boston at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.

Cleveland at Kansas City, 8:35 p.m.

California at Seattle, 10:35 p.m.

Minnesota at Oakland, 11:05 p.m.

Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

New York (Sanderson 17-11) at Detroit (Terrill 6-4), 1:35 p.m.

Cleveland (Nagy 2-4) at Kansas City (Appier 12-8), 5:05 p.m.

Boston (Young 8-18) at Toronto (Stofletmyer 13-17), 7:35 p.m.

Chicago (Hibbard 14-9) at Baltimore (Mesa 3-2), 7:35 p.m.

Milwaukee (Bosio 4-9) at Texas (K. Brown), 8:35 p.m.

California (McCaskill 12-11) at Seattle (Johnson 14-11), 10:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Anderson 7-18) at Oakland (Welch 27-4), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cleveland at Boston, 1:05 p.m.

New York at Detroit, 1:35 p.m.

Minnesota at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.

California at Seattle, 3:35 p.m.

Milwaukee at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.

Only games scheduled

NL Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	1	0	1.000
New York	1	0	1.000
Chicago	0	0	.000 1/2
St. Louis	0	0	.000 1/2
Philadelphia	0	1	.000 1
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000 1

West Division

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NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDING(S)

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HOWARD

1. Jacinto B. Lopez, P.O. Box 421542, Del Rio, TX 78840, Lot 2, Block 15, Jones Valley Addition, located at 1109 W 7th

2. Jacinto B. Lopez, P.O. Box 421542, Del Rio, TX 78840, Lot 1, Block 15, Jones Valley Addition, located at 1111 W 7th

3. John D. Branham, 2011 Ft. Donelson, San Antonio, TX 78245, Lot 13, Block 1, Stardust Addition, located at 1409 Oriole

4. Simon Terrazas, 1001 Bell, Big Spring, TX 79720, Pt of Blk, Block 104, Original Town Addition, located at 300 N 4th

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6. Sylvia Arguello, Rt. 2, Box 148, Big Spring, TX 79720, Tr. #3 of Sec. 42, 32-1-N, T&P Addition, located at 200/204 N E 12th

7. Gregori Villa, 400 N E 11th, Big Spring, TX 79720, 50x160 out of SE 1/4 of Sec. 42, 32-1-N, Tr. #15, located at 400 N E 11th

8. Cora Wooten, 714-714 1/2 Willa, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 9, Block 6, Settles Heights Addition, located at 214 Willa

9. Charley Atwell, Jr., 808 Bell, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 2, Block 12, Cedar Crest Addition, located at 808 Bell

10. Ralph Pierce, 1106 W 2nd, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 10, Block 21, Jones Valley Addition, located at 1106 W 2nd

11. H. Lee Eaker, 1310 Utah, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 19, Block 2, Wrights Airport Annex, located at 1310 Utah

12. Adeene Myrtle Jackson, 1323 Utah, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 12, Block 3, Wrights Airport Annex, located at 1323 Utah

13. Victor Zapata, 1520 Tucson, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lots 13-14, Block 4, Wrights Airport Annex #2, located at 1215/1217 Utah

14. Billy Lloyd Arnold, Box 381, Big Spring, TX 79720, Part W 2 of Sec. 13, 32-1-S, T&P Addition, located at 3901 Connally Street

15. Mrs. Clyde Dooley, C/O Terry Dooley, 1703 Main, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 13 & 14 & 5/2 of 15, Block 7, Settles Heights Addition, located at 706 Creighton

16. Silvestre Naranjo, 1102 W 2nd, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 8, Block 21, Jones Valley Addition, located at 1102 W 2nd

17. E. Wayne Burleson, Box 255, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 6, Block 20, Jones Valley Addition, located at 206 Galveston

18. Mary Hatcock and Lee Otis Rogers Estates, 2114 W. Tennessee, Midland, TX 79701, Section 12, 33-T-1S, Kennebeck Hts Tract #16, located at 2710 Wasson Road

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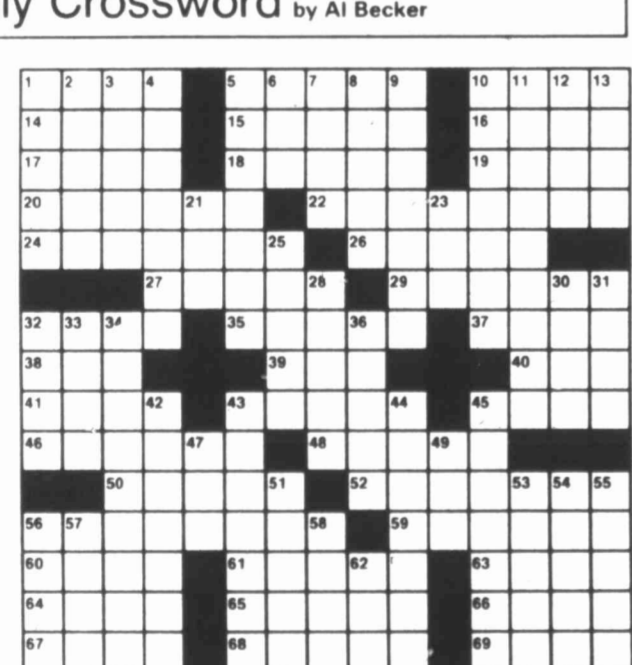
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Names in the news

Is it Paula?
 SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A former Motown singer claims her voice was used to enhance Paula Abdul's on the hit album "Forever Your Girl."
 Yvette Marine is suing Virgin Records for unspecified royalties and credit for the performance. She said she was never paid or acknowledged.
 Marine's lawsuit, filed Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court, claims her voice was mixed with Abdul's on the songs "Opposites Attract" and "I Need You." "Forever Your Girl," has sold 7 million copies since its 1988 release.
 "At that time, Paula Abdul was an inexperienced singer," said Steven Ames Brown, Marine's attorney.



Rourke in the ring
 MIAMI (AP) — Mickey Rourke excels in tough guy roles. Now he's going to be one.
 The 34-year-old actor is jumping into the boxing ring as a professional. Rourke, who just finished a movie with Don Johnson, "Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man," said he'll make his debut May 23 at the War Memorial Auditorium in Fort Lauderdale as a super middleweight, 168 pounds maximum.
 An opponent for the sanctioned bout hasn't been named.
 "I'm not doing this for the public," Rourke said in Monday's The Miami Herald. "I'm not doing this for everybody to see. I'm really doing this for myself."

PAULA ABDUL MICKEY ROURKE

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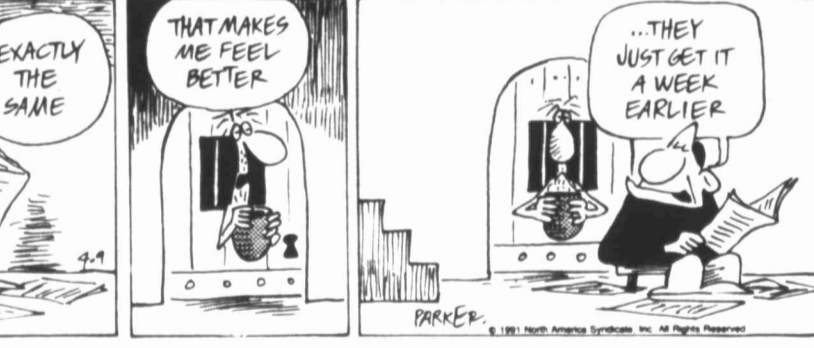


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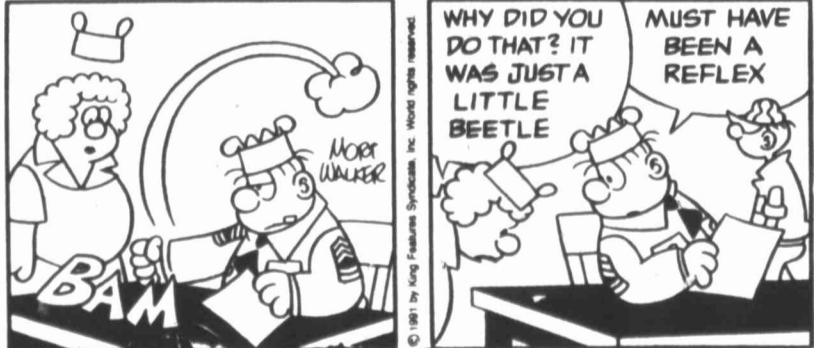
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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1991

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Loving relationships are emphasized. You become more sentimental. New recognition of your unique talents in September could bring a coveted raise or promotion. October and November are great for career progress! Domestic issues claim the lion's share of your attention as the year ends. A change of residence next January could mean greater marital harmony and personal comfort.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Secret negotiations aid your efforts to obtain inside information. Respect other people's rights. Treat a parent or older friend with compassion. A platonic connection could turn romantic!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your long-range objectives are clarified. Overseas contacts are vital. A romantic commitment needs re-examination. Old friends prove their loyalty. You will enjoy attending a

glamorous social function.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Candid talks and quick trips could advance your plans. Show how flexible you can be and you will win new admirers. Plot career moves carefully; your professional status may be at stake.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Career matters could cause concern today. You will need all the patience you can muster. Long-term financing may be necessary. Contact influential friends and lay your cards on the table.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Powerful people may try to hoodwink you; be reluctant to take them at face value. Postpone asking for loans or special favors. A unique idea will come to you at a social gathering.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Heated debates could be dangerous now. Back off until others show their hand. Local events offer delight at an affordable price tonight. Consult romantic partner before inviting friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Setbacks are possible where your career or finances are concerned. Do not cross swords with an authority figure. Controlling your temper will help you save face. An older person could be a secret admirer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid trying to combine business with pleasure today. Diplomacy will help you avoid a confrontation. An older person displays new warmth. Socializing with your co-workers pays off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A pet project needs review. Employ more self-discipline to make a diet successful. Self-improvement endeavors enjoy highly favorable influences. An encounter exceeds your expectations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your special artistic talent pays big dividends now. Use your spare time for self-improvement. A shrewd real estate venture could work out. Someone's romantic promises can be believed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Long-term contracts can be signed. An older relative will lend a hand with your business. Be extra sensitive to clues in your home environment. Show your loved ones more affection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your big ideas can be transformed into profit-making ventures. Team up with partners whose talents complement your own. Your love for drama will be accentuated tonight. Wear bright colors.

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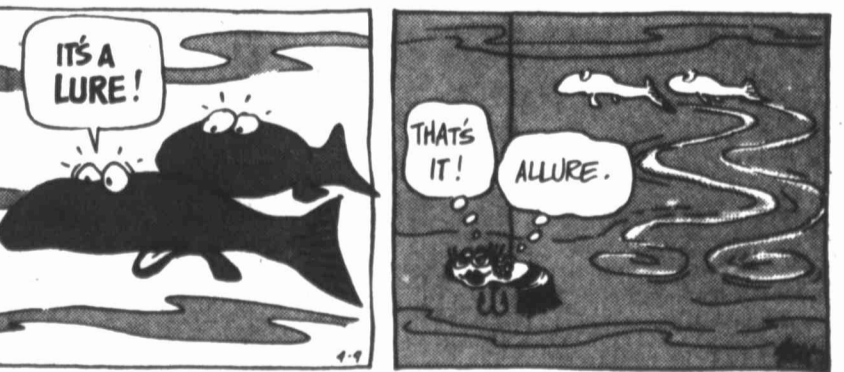
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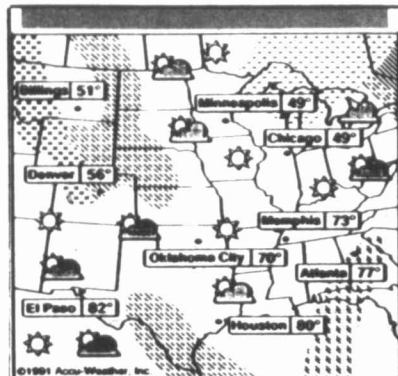
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Weather

Fair tonight; mostly cloudy Wednesday with chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms. Low tonight in the 40s; high tomorrow in the 70s.

Monday's high temperature	90
Monday's low temperature	51
Average high	75
Average low	45
Record high	94 in 1950
Record low	21 in 1973
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Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	1.58
Year to date	02.61
Normal for year	02.34

Local students taking tests

Stanton students began taking the annual achievement tests today, according to SISD Director of Curriculum Morris Williamson.

Elementary students began taking the tests today and will conclude Thursday. Middle school students will test April 17-18 and high school students begin April 15.

"This is a nationally normed referenced test. It is important that students perform at their very best because this test is used in educational planning and student placement," Williamson said. "Test results are reported to the Texas Education Agency in the district's annual performance report."

Stanton to halt GED program

Stanton High School will halt its General Education Degree program May 10 and will resume Sept. 12, according to GED instructor John Anastasio.

"We should wrap everything up by early May, but we will be ready to start again in the fall. The time is tentatively set for Sept. 12," he said.

Chamber to hold city-wide sale

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a city-wide Garage and Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, May 4. A number of organizations are already making plans to take part.

Any individual or group that would like to join in the one-day affair can get their sale listed by calling the chamber office and paying a \$10 fee.

All money will be used to publicize the event. The deadline for getting a listing is Friday, April 26.

In addition to advertising the event in area papers, all participants and the chamber office will pass out listings of the individual garage and sidewalk sales. For more information contact the chamber office at 756-3386.

Richards calls for strong bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers may be called into a special session if they fail to pass a strong ethics bill, Gov. Ann Richards says.

"We will do ourselves and people of Texas a disservice if we complete this (current) session without producing a strong ethics bill," she told the House State Affairs Committee on Monday.

"It is time for us to stop airing the family's dirty laundry and show the public that we are determined to clean up the perception that politics is a business that soils its practitioners," she said.

Firm to begin razing houses

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

Stanton's City Council accepted a bid Monday to demolish five substandard houses, officials said.

Demolishing the houses culminates a year of effort to get owners of 15 such structures to remove or repair them. By January, five houses had been torn down and five others were fixed up or being worked on.

Owners of houses at 311 W. Broadway, 505 S. St. Theresa, 504 S. St. Theresa, 304 N. College and 700 S. St. Florence have not responded, said City Administrator Danny Fryar. Three notices were sent to owners, including two by registered mail, and notices were published twice in the Herald.

"Nobody said a word," said Fryar. Although, he said, the brother of one owner did talk to him.

A bid for \$3,025 was accepted from David Thomas of Big Spring to tear down the five houses.

"Anything we're tearing down is non-livable," Fryar said. "The city is going to pay for demolition and cleaning it. Then there'll be a lien put on the property. Then, if they (owners) ever sell it, they'll have to pay us."

Efforts to remove or repair substandard housing is part of an overall effort to clean up the city. Those efforts include improving city parks.

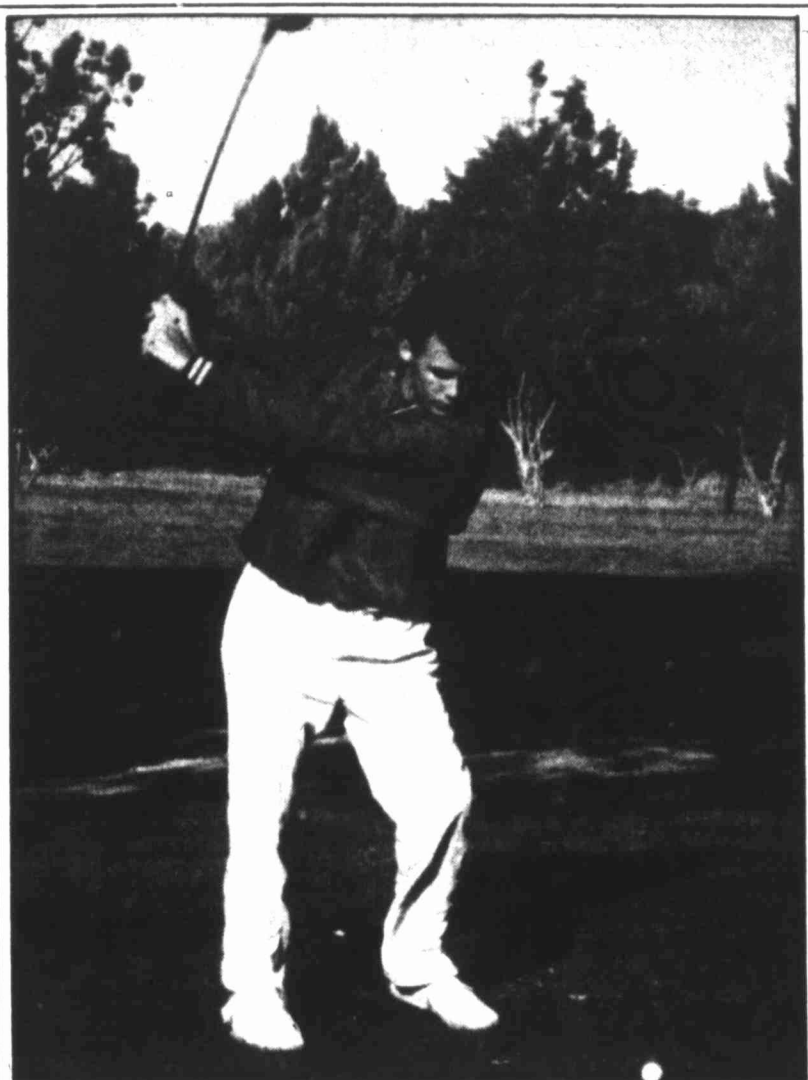
In other business Monday, the Council:

- Decided not to spend an extra \$4,762 over a \$165,012 paving grant to include six blocks on Santa Anna Street.

- Changed late water bill penalties from \$1 per bill to 10 percent of the total bill.

- Voted to allow grass clippings to be disposed of in dumpsters but not to allow uncut tires.

- Cut off the phone for the city manager's residence for non-payment of bills. The former city manager has authorization to stay at the residence through April.



Teeing off

BIG SPRING — Stanton High School golfer Chris Barnhill tees off at Comanche Trail Golf Course during the final round of the District 6-2A Golf Tournament this morning. Stanton was in third place at the start of the day.

Israelis agree to hold peace talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel today told the United States it was ready to hold peace talks with the Arabs under American auspices and with the Soviet Union participating in a regional conference.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III responded positively to the initiative presented to him by Foreign Minister David Levy. And yet, Baker said he wanted to talk to Arab leaders before committing the U.S. government to the proposition.

If the Arabs agree to the Israeli initiative, Baker's Mideast diplomacy could be credited with a significant breakthrough, even though the outcome of negotiations would be uncertain.

"We have had a productive and very constructive meeting," Baker said after the hour-long session with Levy at the foreign ministry.



"We have had a productive and very constructive meeting. I think we did make some progress. There is, of course, some distance to go, but I'm hopeful."

James Baker

Baker then went to see Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who set a positive tone for Baker's stop in Israel by announcing some 1,000 Palestinian prisoners would be released this weekend.

Baker will meet with Egyptian, Saudi, Syrian and Jordanian officials this week, and Israeli sources said he may return to Jerusalem before going home to report to President Bush.

Israel has objected all along to

an international peace conference on the grounds the Soviet Union was likely to side with the Arabs and corner Israel with unacceptable terms.

Levy underscored that his government would agree to a regional conference with Soviet participation only if it produces direct negotiations with the Arab governments. He made no mention of the Palestinians, except to reaffirm a 1989 Shamir plan to hold

elections on the West Bank and in Gaza leading to limited self rule.

Under these circumstances, Levy said in Hebrew, "Israel would not object to the participation of the Soviet Union."

The Shamir government hopes that before such talks could be held Moscow would restore full diplomatic relations with Israel that were severed in the 1967 Mideast war.

The Arabs, with support from Bush, are demanding Israel give up territory in exchange for peace. Shamir, however, insists on holding onto the West Bank and Gaza, which Israel took in 1967.

"I think we did make some progress," Baker said. "There is, of course, some distance to go. But I'm hopeful."

Baker was to meet today with a

Labor: Bush trying to tap anti-union sentiment

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush stepped up his campaign for lowering trade barriers with Mexico on Monday by calling critics such as AFL-CIO leaders "fear mongers" who practice "defeatism."

Labor is strongly opposed to extending the president's so-called fast track authority for a trade agreement with Mexico because, they say, it would give U.S. cor-

porations incentives to simply move across the border to take advantage of cheap labor and lax environmental and safety laws.

Bush's fiery attack on the AFL-CIO for opposing a free trade pact with Mexico is just a gambit to conceal the real issue of how many American jobs would go across the Rio Grande, labor leaders contend.

"He's engaging in a lot of rhetoric without looking at the real

issue, which is, 'Are the wage disparities going to result in huge job losses and devastate lots of communities?' Obviously, we think it is," said Alan Reuther, a lobbyist for the United Auto Workers.

Several U.S. companies already have moved to Mexico, scrapping \$8- and \$10-an-hour jobs in American cities so they can pay Mexican workers less than \$1 an hour, union leaders contend.

They add that the deal wouldn't boost exports, as Bush has pledged, because most Mexicans are too poor to buy American goods.

Bush's attack on labor leaders, which came a day after he vowed to go "head-on-head" with the AFL-CIO over the issue, also probably was an attempt to tap anti-union sentiment and therefore muster favor for the treaty, union officials said.

"It's 'everybody should be for it because labor's against it,'" said Herman Starobin, research director for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

At AFL-CIO headquarters, Rex Hardesty, a spokesman for the 14.2 million-member labor federation, declined to respond directly to the president's latest comments, saying only that the organization's position remained the same.

Americans the champs in chicken consumption

WASHINGTON (AP) — As egg eaters, Americans are pretty much also-rans, but they are world champions when it comes to munching on chicken.

This year, according to the latest Agriculture Department projections, the U.S. per capita consumption will average 188.7 "table" eggs. Those don't count eggs used by processors.

Israel, however, is expected to average 350.7 eggs per person, nearly double the U.S. rate.

But the United States consumes an average of 77.2 pounds of broilers, computed on a ready-to-cook equivalent. Israel is a top consumer, too, and is expected to average a respectable 53.5 pounds for fifth place.

Other big chicken eaters include No. 2 Singapore, 67.2 pounds per capita projected for 1991; Hong Kong, 58.5; Saudi Arabia, 56.3; Canada, 51.9; Australia, 49.9; and Hungary and Spain, each at 46.2.

The figures were compiled by the

department's Foreign Agricultural Service from various sources, including official statistics of the various countries, attaché reports and other USDA research.

Per capita egg consumption by Americans has been declining steadily for many years but may be leveling off, according to analysts.

In 1945, the final year of World War II, the U.S. per capita average was more than 400 eggs, more than double the current rate — and more than Israel's projected consumption.

Canada is expected to average 157.3 table eggs per person this year, and Mexico, 182.5 eggs, both trailing the U.S. average of 188.7.

But many other countries consume more eggs than the North Americans. In Eastern Europe, for example, Czechoslovakia is expected to average 341 this year; Hungary, 276.1; the former East Germany, 271.5; and Romania, 239.8.

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The champs

Members of the Orange team, which won the recent Pee Wee tournament, are, front row, left to right: Tina Hinojosa, Emily Rodriguez, Debbie Morin and Rikki Simer. Back row: Coach

Rena Moore, Robbie Hinojosa, Jonna Moore, Julie Adams, Martha Ortiz and Coach Mike Moore.

Spring board

How's that?

Q. How much does a hummingbird weigh?

A. The average hummingbird weighs less than a penny. Also, a newborn hummingbird is the size of a bumble bee, and a hummingbird nest is the size of a walnut, according to North American Precip Syndicate, Inc.

Calendar

Pee Wee Basketball

TODAY

- Pee Wee basketball at 6 p.m. in the junior high gym.
- Masonic Lodge #951 meeting at 506 N. Hwy 137.
- AA and Alanon meeting at 8 p.m. at the Old Hotel.

THURSDAY

- District 7A track meet at 9 a.m. in Klondike.
- Eastern Star #409 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 506 N. Hwy 137.

FRIDAY

- Pee Wee basketball tournament for fifth and sixth grades at 6 p.m. in the junior high gym.

SATURDAY

- Pee Wee basketball tournament continues.
- Martin County Convent Clean-Up Day starts at 9 a.m. Everybody welcome.
- Junior High UIL District track and field meet at 9 a.m. in Grady.

Tops on TV

- Another Pair of Aces: Three of a Kind CBS Tuesday Movie. Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson. A Texas Ranger enlists the aid of a safecracker to prove the innocence of his mentor. 8 p.m. Ch. 7.
- Magic of David Copperfield XIII. 7 p.m. Channel 7.
- Shannon's Deal. 9 p.m. Channel 9.

Israelis

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delegation of six Palestinian leaders, all of them supporters of the Fatah faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A statement prepared by the Palestinians for presentation to Baker called on the United States to reopen its dialogue with the PLO and to pressure Israel to end practices that it described as "an active negative response to all peace initiatives."

A copy of the statement was obtained by The Associated Press.

The statement criticized "Israel's frenzied intensification of the settlement policy, its stepped up confiscation of land and resources, its escalation of the 'iron fist' policy in terms of detentions, killings, closed areas, curfews, economic strangulation, closures of institutions and all other forms of collective punishment."

It warned: "Unless Israel is made to cease these policies forthwith, no Palestinian will be in a position to pursue political meetings or endeavors."

The statement criticized Israeli efforts to keep the PLO out of any peace talks and said the peace process must lead to Palestinian "independence and statehood."

Israel considers the PLO to be a terrorist organization and refuses to negotiate with it. It opposes Palestinian statehood and calls, instead, for limited autonomy for the Arabs in the occupied lands.

Israel is the first stop on Baker's second Mideast trip in two months. He will go to Cairo on Wednesday for talks with Egyptian and Saudi officials, to Syria on Thursday and to Geneva on Friday for talks with Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher el-Masri.

While in Jerusalem he also will meet with a group of Palestinian Arabs who have the approval of Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization to see him.

Mental Health Crisis Hot-Line

Ask Operator for Enterprise 8-HELP (4357)

Stanton Classified

NURSE'S AIDE wanted at Country Meadows. Must have experience working with elderly. Call for interview, 915-756-2331.

MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILA- B.L.E. The Colorado River Municipal Water District has an immediate opening for a maintenance worker based at our Martin County Pump Station located approximately fourteen miles Northwest of Stanton. Company benefits include paid vacation, sick leave, retirement plan, group insurance and paid holidays. Interviews may be arranged by calling 267-6341 or writing to P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869.

No-new-taxes budget would slash state services

AUSTIN (AP) — A no-new-taxes state budget, being offered by House leaders to show the impact of austerity-induced cuts, would slash help for poor mothers, abused children, the blind and elderly, a human services coalition says.

The so-called doomsday budget proposal "is a giant step backward," said Peggy Romberg, who chairs the 50-group coalition People First!

Ms. Romberg said Monday that the budget plan "makes dramatic cuts in health and human services. The effects of these cuts will be felt by those most fragile in our society."

The governor's office, mean-

while, announced that the first meeting of a blue-ribbon committee on state taxes will be Thursday.

Some lawmakers say the current tax system, based heavily on the sales and corporate franchise levies, is outdated.

Gov. Ann Richards ordered the committee chaired by former Gov. John Connally to study the tax structure and report back with recommendations by July 1. That's also the deadline for results pending audits on some 700 state programs.

Richards has said she wants the Legislature to wait on both those reports before writing the 1992-93 budget, most likely during a July

special session.

Legislative analysts project a \$4.6 billion budget deficit if state services remain at their current levels during the two-year budget cycle that begins Sept. 1.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock is pushing for state personal and corporate income taxes to fund the budget and raise extra money for schools, prisons and welfare services.

House Speaker Gib Lewis last week released details of a no-new-taxes budget, saying the cuts it could require would have a "devastating impact on education, prisons, human services and all other state programs."

The House Appropriations Com-

mittee has adopted the no-tax budget and sent it to the full House for consideration.

Lewis said the spending blueprint was written "to let Texans see what we can afford with our current tax level and, more importantly, to see what has to be left out if there is no tax increase."

According to the People First! coalition, numerous services would be reduced or eliminated under the House budget proposal. Those include:

- Reducing the monthly payments in the Aid to Families With Dependent Children program.
- End social services assistance to about 57,000 abused children.

- Take services from nearly 2,500 blind and visually impaired children and adults.

- Remove 12,000 pregnant women and children from a supplemental food program for women, infants and children.

- Force 12,000 Texans out of nursing homes and end services that permit another 11,500 elderly to remain in their homes.

- Lower Medicaid payments to doctors and hospitals, meaning fewer would be willing to treat poor patients.

- Reduce support payments to foster families by 24 percent to 30 percent.

Mailbag

Dear Editor:

I would like everyone to be aware, this week lawmakers from our great State will be in Austin, with the main goal of building thirty-seven thousand more prison beds. The proposal doesn't come cheap, because we will have to come up with \$1.6 billion, and I think everyone wants the criminals off the street, but it just comes with a staggering price tag and seems like all we do is build more prisons.

In 1970, we had 20,000 people incarcerated, as compared to 1990's figures of 140,000 in prison. I hope we will get enough beds to stop the open door policy we now have, because a murderer spends less than four years on the average. Violent criminals turned out in our society average 33 percent return to prison.

In Martin County, with less than 5,000 population, we are very fortunate. Our sheriff and two deputies work long hours and keep up with the crime in our county. I

know they need more help, but people will in all probability agree they do a good job.

I think we could help by putting identifiable markings on more of our personal property. It should be done on farm tools and equipment as well. Without something to identify your property it's hard to retrieve it. We that live out in the county should take license numbers and be alerted to strange and unusual visitors. I feel we all have to take part to protect ourselves and our neighbors. Tools can be turned to scrap and cashed with no questions asked. I guess you could call it neighborhood watch of sorts.

If any military bases close, try to utilize what we can for prisons facilities. Seems to me, most of the facilities could be made for prison life.

I hate to see all the money that we spent on these facilities wasted when they close. I hope sometime things will level off and we'll be able to house the prisoners so they fulfill their sentences. Maybe our lawmakers will be able to find

ways to achieve all their goals for the prisons and save our tax dollars. I know, it's a real problem for the State and it's not going away.

I think everyone will support the \$1.6 billion for the beds, but I also know why everyone hopes it will be a cure.

I have been a commissioner three months now and have attended my 18 hours of schooling which is mandatory each year. I enjoyed the school and it gave us a crash course on how to be a commissioner.

I hope I can serve MC residents to make our county better. Our responsibilities as commissioners are greater than most people are aware of.

It makes it hard to find the resources for all the things we need. Maybe people should get more involved in county government. Our court meets the second Monday of each month and usually at a called meeting the last Monday.

Charles McKaskle
Precinct 4 Commissioner

Chicken

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Exceptions in the region are Poland, where egg consumption may average 187.3 in 1991, and Yugoslavia, 168.9.

In the 12-nation European Community, per capita egg consumption was projected to range from 133.3 in Portugal to 257.3 in the former West Germany.

South Americans are light on eggs, with Argentina shown at 94.1; Brazil, 93.3; and Venezuela, 86.7.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade balance in solid wood products surged to \$1.2 billion in 1990 from the 1989 surplus of \$389 million, according to an Agriculture Department report.

Exports, including softwood and hardwood, continued to increase last year to \$6.5 billion, up 8 percent from 1989, the department's Foreign Agricultural Service said Monday.

Imports, meanwhile, dropped 6

percent to \$5.3 billion in 1990, which was "fueled by the current new housing slump" in the United States, the reports said. That resulted in a sharp decline in imports of Canadian softwood lumber.

Japan continued as the largest foreign buyer of U.S. solid wood products, with purchases totaling more than \$2.82 billion last year, or 43 percent of the total.

The European Community accounted for \$1.14 billion of the 1990 exports, or 18 percent; and Canada, at \$960 million, bought 15 percent.

Other single-country markets and their 1990 purchases of U.S. wood products included: South Korea, \$369 million, up 4 percent from 1989; Mexico, \$271 million, up 21 percent; and Germany, \$231 million, up 11 percent.

Imports were led by products from Canada valued at \$3.52 billion, accounting for 66 percent of total imports. Others included In-

donesia and Taiwan, 7 percent each; Mexico, 4 percent; and Brazil, 3 percent.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wool producers will get about \$105 million from the Agriculture Department to help make up for low prices last year.

The payments will begin April 10, officials said. The 1990 support price-level under the longstanding subsidy program was \$1.82 per pound of wool. But the average market price was only 80 cents per pound.

In addition, mohair producers will collect about \$60 million for their 1990 sales. Mohair supports were slightly more than \$4.53 per pound, while the market price averaged only 93 cents, officials said Monday.

Wool production declined last year but so did prices. The 1990 average of 80 cents per pound compared with \$1.24 in 1989 and \$1.38 in 1988.

County

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cost the county \$6,188.

The court approved the surfacing of the corner lot, east of St. Joseph Catholic Church and south of the Connell home.

• The court agreed to take back

a roller sold earlier to Scurry County because of a defective part. Repair costs were estimated at \$2,000.

• Road and Bridge Foreman Eddy Jamison reported to the court that work on Tunnell Road in northeast Martin County is progress-

ing on schedule. The project will seal-coat 6.2 miles of the county road, according to Jamison.

• Commissioners discussed the landfill situation. The landfill will be receiving the compactor purchased in March by at least Thursday, reported Deatherage.

Troops begin pullout from Poland

BORNE-SULINOWO, Poland (AP) — The Red Army today began its long-awaited pullout from Poland after nearly 47 years of occupation, with 60 soldiers climbing aboard a 20-wagon train carrying missile launchers and trucks.

The pullout began in pouring rain at 11 a.m. at a formerly top-secret Soviet military base and followed a ceremony that included speeches by Soviet and Polish generals and a garrison band playing the Soviet national anthem.

The train, carrying members of a missile brigade that is being disbanded, was the first phase of a permanent pullout whose timetable was still a source of contention today between native and long-time occupier.

Soviet troops have been a continuous presence in Poland since 1944, when they pushed back the German army, then stayed on to prop up a series of pro-Moscow regimes. The first 1,200 were to leave today.

Soviet regional commander Gen. Viktor Dubynin told assembled troops from the brigade that their presence had been to guarantee "the independence of Poland."

"Our mission has been completed successfully," he said.

At a joint news conference on Monday, Dubynin and a Polish general quarreled over whether both sides had agreed on a withdrawal timetable.

"The decision is unilateral," the Pole, Gen. Zdzislaw Ostrowski, said of the Soviet army's program for pulling out. "And we have not been informed about the details of the withdrawals planned for this year."

Minutes before, Dubynin had claimed the withdrawal plan was "developed jointly" by Poland and the Soviet Union.

During months of tense negotiations, Poland had been demanding that all the approximately 50,000 Soviet troops pull out by the end of this year, as is planned for Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The Soviets say they will not vacate Poland before the end of 1993.

Dubynin said that the final deadline for the Soviet departure would be agreed by the "political leadership" of their countries.

President Lech Walesa, a key player in the long struggle to throw off the Soviet yoke and restore democracy, is expected to travel to Moscow in May to try to settle the issue in talks with Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Dubynin accused politicians of stirring up an anti-Soviet atmosphere in Poland. Some "try not to remember those times" when the Soviet Union "liberated" Poland after World War II, he said.

But he concluded: "We are going home now. There is no alternative."

Borne-Sulinowo, not to be found on any maps, is about 250 miles northwest of Warsaw near Koszalin. It is a full blown town of 20,000 Soviet troops and their families sheltered in a thick forest off the nearest road.

About 100 reporters turned up Monday in response to an invitation from the Soviet army to witness the pullout.

By year end, Dubynin pledged, 13,000 troops amounting to some 30 units will have left Poland to return to the Soviet Union. Poland will ac-

quire seven vacated garrisons, he said.

About 1,500 railway cars hauling soldiers and equipment will leave within a month, he said. "At Polish request, the heavy weapons are to go first."

But Dubynin complained that the Soviet Union lacks housing to shelter the withdrawing troops. "Now 200,000 families are without apartments. By the end of this year there will be 60,000 more," he said.

In a surprise to reporters present, Dubynin confirmed that the Soviet army had nuclear weapons in Poland until last year.

"They were removed in the middle of 1990," he said.

The news conference, which was attended by Soviet Ambassador Yuri Kashalev, was characterized by a running argument between Dubynin and Ostrowski about the transit through Poland of Soviet troops leaving former East Germany.

Dubynin accused Poland of blocking the withdrawal and trying to profit from the operation.

Ostrowski — listening and shaking his head — denied that Poland is blocking the pullout and said it is only charging normal road and railroad fees.

As for when the last Soviet troop will leave, the Polish general said: "We think a sooner deadline can be agreed and this is the direction of our negotiations."

Dubynin seemed recalcitrant, saying Poland has exhausted all "legal arguments" in the talks with Moscow and it is resorting now only to arguments of "an ideological character."



Herald photo by Carla Welch

Champions

The boys' Green Team won the pee-wee tournament last week with a 35-21 win over the Red Team. The champs are, back row, left to right: Coaches Wally Hazelwood and Terry Smith. Middle row: J.J. Villa, Salvador Gonzales, Chad Smith, Jeremiah Brown and Johnathan Johnson. Front row: Jeremy Clanton, Joey Holguin, Pablo Gonzales and Santos Barrera.

Attorney General to argue death penalty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Dick Thornburgh plans a rare appearance before the Supreme Court to argue that relatives of murder victims be allowed to testify before juries considering the death penalty.

Thornburgh is scheduled to make a 10-minute argument on April 24 when the high court considers the appeal of a Tennessee death-row inmate who contends that such "victim-impact" testimony was improperly admitted in his case.

The attorney general's spokesman, Dan Eramian, said Thornburgh will present his argument as a friend-of-the-court supporter of Tennessee prosecutors.

Thornburgh's decision to make his second Supreme Court argument as attorney general is an effort to demonstrate the Bush administration's commitment to victims' rights. Attorneys general usually do not appear more than once or twice during their tenures.

While the death penalty has only limited application in federal law, the administration's anti-crime bill would allow the testimony of the survivors of murder victims in capital cases prosecuted by the Justice Department.

Thornburgh's high court argument will mark a return to a forum where in 1988 he was hit by tough questions from the justices about a drug-testing case.

Despite what Thornburgh has privately conceded was a lackluster performance in the

case, the court voted 7-2 to uphold drug testing for railroad workers involved in accidents.

Thornburgh will be joining Charles Burson, Tennessee's attorney general, in urging the high court to uphold Pervis Tyrone Payne's death sentence for killing a woman and her 2-year-old daughter with a butcher knife.

Payne, who prosecutors said was in a "drug-induced frenzy" after injecting himself with cocaine, was also convicted of stabbing the woman's 3-year-old son, who survived the June 27, 1987 attack. The murder occurred after the woman rejected Payne's sexual advances, according to court papers.

Payne's lawyers argue that the testimony of the boy's grandmother about the effect of the crime on his life was improperly admitted into evidence before the jury that imposed the death sentence.

Thornburgh will urge the high court to overturn two of its decisions in 1987 and 1989 that generally bar "victim-impact" testimony in death penalty cases.

In a brief filed Monday, the Justice Department argued that if juries considering the death penalty must consider the defendant's individual character, "there is no convincing reason — and especially none grounded in the Constitution — to prevent the jury from also considering the unique characteristics or circumstances of the victim."

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Joe Cerda, 34, died Sunday. Rosary will be 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services will be 10:00 A.M. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

William E. Cauble, 72, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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